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Comment of the day

THE 42-HOUR WONDER

THIS must be Fleet Street's "silly season" — the time of year when Parliament is in recess, when the UN General Assembly is adjourned, when most people are on holiday and when genuine hard news is hard to get. It is not even the time of year for beach girls. In this "silly season" news editors are forced to think up or cook up new ways of titillating their readers. And we assume the 42-hour visit to Hongkong by the Daily Mirror's "Cassandra" comes into this category.

For let's face it, he could have written a similar think-piece in London and simply dropped it into Hongkong to cable it back. His viewpoints are neither profound nor original; they are the typical smears smart-alec writers turn out from time to time after similarly brief visits to the Colony. What riles us is that he made no attempt to give his readers a fair and honest account of Hongkong.

ADMITTEDLY Cassandra rarely has a good word for anything. His pseudonym is taken from the Trojan prophetess who was fated to prophesy truly and be unbelievably. We are less concerned with his prophecies than the attempt he has made to describe Hongkong in a couple of trite sentences. Did he tell his readers how long he was here for? Did he tell them how much he saw and how many of its three million people he spoke to? We doubt it, because that would have revealed the true value of his report.

Doubtless the thought of doing an "official tour" of the Colony under the wing of a Government Information Services man would have been anathema to Cassandra. But there are any number of people who live in this town and who make it their permanent home who would have been able to show him both sides of the picture.

ONE wonders whether Cassandra told his readers that Hongkong adjoins the mainland of China where hunger has been experienced on a terrible scale in recent months. Naturally refugees flock to Hongkong in the hope of something better but did Cassandra notice this refugee traffic was one-way only — proving that for all its poverty it is a haven. Cassandra might have pointed out also that the business of housing these people, caring for their health and educating their children has been done by Hongkong on its own — with very little help from Britain.

Did Cassandra tell his readers that while there has been a great deal of boom in the last few years, the greatest threat of a "bust" comes from Britain joining the Common Market, and stopping preference on our exports? Did Cassandra tell his readers too that Hongkong's textile manufacturers had to curtail their booming exports to Britain for the sake of saving Lancashire?

Our first reaction to Cassandra's comments was to tell him in that expressive American idiom to "drop dead". Our second thoughts are more charitable. We ask him to come back to Hongkong, spend longer than 42 hours and meet a few more people. And we'll bet London to a brick that his next report will be different.

COLD KILLS 258 IN INDIA

New Delhi, Dec. 27. At least 258 people have died during the last 10 days in an intense cold wave gripping the north Indian states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, according to reports reaching here.

The temperature dropped below freezing point in Kanpur, Lucknow and Allahabad yesterday for the first time in living memory.

Seven harvest labourers were found dead on Dec. 23 after they stayed overnight in a hut at Buxar on the banks of the river Ganga in Bihar, a report received today said. — Reuter.

Britain still in deep freeze

London, Dec. 27. Many roads in Britain, from northern Scotland to the English south coast, were like a "skating rink" the Royal Automobile Club reported today.

The Christmas cold spell continued without any sign of a break.

Hundreds of miles of roads were icebound and "very dangerous," the motoring organisation said.

Only ice-free counties were Cornwall, in the southwest of England, Cardiganshire in West Wales, and three counties in the extreme north of Scotland.

The freeze-up continued to hit British sporting events.

Coldest spot

Racing at Wetherby, in northern England, was abandoned and several Rugby fixtures were cancelled.

Turnhouse, near Edinburgh, Scotland, where only nine degrees Fahrenheit were recorded, was the coldest spot in the British Isles last night.

Sheep breeders in the west country were badly hit by the freeze-up.

Lambs were reported freezing to death at birth and many ewes were dying in the cold.

The icy weather also caused delays at London airport, where teams of de-icing sprayers worked on parked airliners. — Reuter.

In Hongkong

CLEAR WEATHER AT LAST!

The sun broke through the clouds to give Hongkong crystal-clear weather today and the minimum temperature was four degrees lower compared with yesterday.

At 10 am today, the thermometer reading stood at 62 degrees against the 67 degrees at the same time yesterday. A minimum temperature of 60.4 degrees F was recorded at the Royal Observatory today, this again represents a drop of four degrees from yesterday's minimum — 64.4.

Indonesian infiltration expected

Hollandia, Dec. 27.

The Dutch New Guinea Governor, Mr P. Platteel, warned in a broadcast today, that Indonesian elements might try to stir up trouble in the territory in the next few days.

He said the Dutch New Guinea authorities were expecting Indonesians to attempt to infiltrate into the territory and stage revolts there.

Mr Platteel pointed out that the Dutch Parliament would be debating the New Guinea question on Jan. 2. The Government would then state its policy following Indonesian President Sukarno's speech on Indonesian claims to the territory on Dec. 19.

The Governor stressed that it was possible that Indonesia would try to bring pressure to bear on this debate by creating trouble in the territory.

However, Dutch armed forces, the police and the territory's population were ready for any eventuality, he declared.

Dutch undertaking

At the United Nations, the Dutch Government has disclosed that it is prepared to refrain from any action which might aggravate the situation in its dispute with Indonesia over New Guinea.

The Dutch Premier, Mr J. E. de Quay, said this in a message to U.N. interim Secretary-General U Thant. The message was sent in reply to an appeal by U Thant to the Dutch Government.

He said the Netherlands Government was grateful for U Thant's initiative. "My Government shares your concern in this matter, as well as your hope for a peaceful solution."

He also said: "My Government is actively investigating other ways and means of reaching a solution compatible with its responsibilities and if possible also acceptable to Indonesia."

"It follows from this preparedness, and indeed from the persistent policy of my Government for an equitable and peaceful solution of the problem, that we are prepared to refrain from all acts which might aggravate the situation." — AFP.

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

NAZI PROBE

Bonn, Dec. 28. The Bochum state prosecutor has opened an investigation against 35 former Nazi policemen suspected of having a part in the mass slaughter of Jews near Cracow, Poland, between 1940 and 1942. Eight of the leading suspects including former SS captain Heinrich Hamann, 53, who was a Commissioner of the Criminal Police, have been arrested. — AP.

330 to die

Chicago, Dec. 28. The National Safety Council estimated today that traffic accidents over the New Year's weekend would kill 330 people across the U.S. A total of 525 were killed during Christmas. — UPI.

DEMONSTRATION

Rome, Dec. 27. Demonstrators protesting over the railway disaster at Calanuso last Saturday, in which 70 people died, smashed and burned railway furniture, damaged rolling stock and interrupted train services at several stations today. Police were called in to disperse them. — Reuter.

Arbitration

London, Dec. 27. Britain is willing to submit her dispute with Guatemala over British Honduras to international legal arbitration, Government sources said tonight. But she will go no further despite reports that Guatemala's president is threatening to break diplomatic relations with Britain. — AP.

LAOS COALITION

London, Dec. 27. Neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma today urged the "interested parties concerned" to strive for the formation of a Laotian coalition government so that a unified delegation could be sent to the Geneva conference on Laos. — Reuter.

Aden bound?

Nicosia, Dec. 27. British troops who flew from Britain today for an undisclosed destination in the Middle East will probably go to Aden, usually well-informed military sources said here tonight. A spokesman at the headquarters of the New East Command said it was unlikely that the men would come to Cyprus. — Reuter.



Mr C. Y. Lee

TO WRITE SCRIPT ABOUT BOAT PEOPLE

Chinese author C. Y. Lee of "Flower Drum Song" fame, arrived in the Colony this morning to work on a film script about life among Hongkong's boat people.

He is also looking about for locations for the film, which will be entitled "The Virgin," before the arrival in a fortnight of noted cameraman James Wong Howe.

Filming of the picture is expected to start in six months' time.

Mr Lee, who arrived aboard the President Wilson this morning, expects to be here for about a week.

Now domiciled in the U.S., he was born in Hunan, China, and was educated in Peking. He went to the United States in 1943 to join the Yale School of Drama. After graduation he worked as a correspondent for the newspaper "Young China" in the Chinese community in San Francisco. It was during his newspaper work when the idea of writing the book "The Flower Drum Song" was conceived.

It turned out to be a best-seller and later a hit on Broadway in the form of a musical.

The novel has also been made into a motion picture starring, among others, Nancy Kwan. Mr Lee has written other novels such as "Lovers Point," "Sawbwa and His Secretary" and "Madam Golden Flower."

RED FACES

London, Dec. 28. Someone stole a police patrol car tonight — from outside Scotland Yard. — AP.

Court hears of 167 lbs of opium on Empire Gannet

A member of the crew of the Ministry of Transport ship, Empire Gannet, was fined \$3,000 or three months' jail in default by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistrate's court this morning for possessing two pounds of raw opium.

The 54-year-old cook, Tan Kee, alias Chan Kee, who pleaded guilty, was cautioned on a second charge of importing the drugs.

Gannet then in Kowloon Bay and found five large tins of raw opium weighing 167 pounds. As a result of the seizure, Insp Ko said, all members of the crew were also searched and the officers found another tin of raw opium on defendant's bed.

Insp Ko informed the court that the vessel was still in the Colony and the police were making enquiries about the five tins of opium. Tan said that he had to smoke opium "to cure my neck disease" and that he had "no knowledge" of the laws in the Colony.

BRITAIN ASKED TO INQUIRE ABOUT DETAINED INDIANS

London, Dec. 27.

The British Government has been asked by the Indian Government to make inquiries into the detention of Indians in Portuguese territories, according to a New Delhi report.

But the Commonwealth Relations Office would not comment on the report.

A spokesman said the matter was "delicate" and that "any consultations going on would be confidential."

Moved

Meanwhile, reports from Panjim, Goa, say that a large batch of Portuguese prisoners from last week's fighting were today moved from a camp on a hill overlooking Panjim to Londa Ponda, some 20 miles to the southeast.

The group consisted of 137 officers and 1,113 other ranks and a small number of civilian internees.

They had previously been accommodated in an officers' mess, and Indian officials said the move was made because of a lack of water in Panjim, which has been without water for six days following the destruction of bridges carrying water mains by the retreating Portuguese.

The former Portuguese Governor-General, General Silva, is still held at the other main camp at Marmagao, across the river from Panjim.

It is understood that no request has been made by Portugal for the return of the prisoners.

Thanks Russia

A New Delhi report said the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Nehru today thanked the Soviet Union for her support over Goa. Mr Nehru said India's action in Goa did not signify any change in her foreign policy.

"We shall continue to strive to be friendly even to those who have been critical of us in this matter," he said.

Mr Nehru denied that in freeing Goa from Portuguese rule India had in any way contravened the principles of the United Nations charter or of international conduct.

Goa belonged to India, he said, and by sending in her troops India had "only put a legal seal on a historical fact."

U.S. fears

In Washington some U.S. military officials were reported today to fear that U.S. criticism of Portuguese colonial policy might induce Portugal to change her attitude to the U.S. use of bases in the Azores.

Mark Watson, military correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, said the Portuguese islands in the Atlantic were a terminus for American anti-submarine naval patrols and a natural halt for air strike forces of fighters — and — for transport ferries.

The New York Times said that the U.S. foresaw difficulties in renegotiating the Azores bases treaty, which comes up for renewal early next year. State Department officials declined formal comment, but conceded that the U.S. had upset Portugal when she criticised her in the United Nations last June for her policies in overseas territories. — Reuter.

MOVES SOON

London, Dec. 27.

Moves by the United States and Britain to renew exploratory contact at the diplomatic level with the Soviet Government over Berlin are expected in the near future, an authoritative source said today. — Reuter.

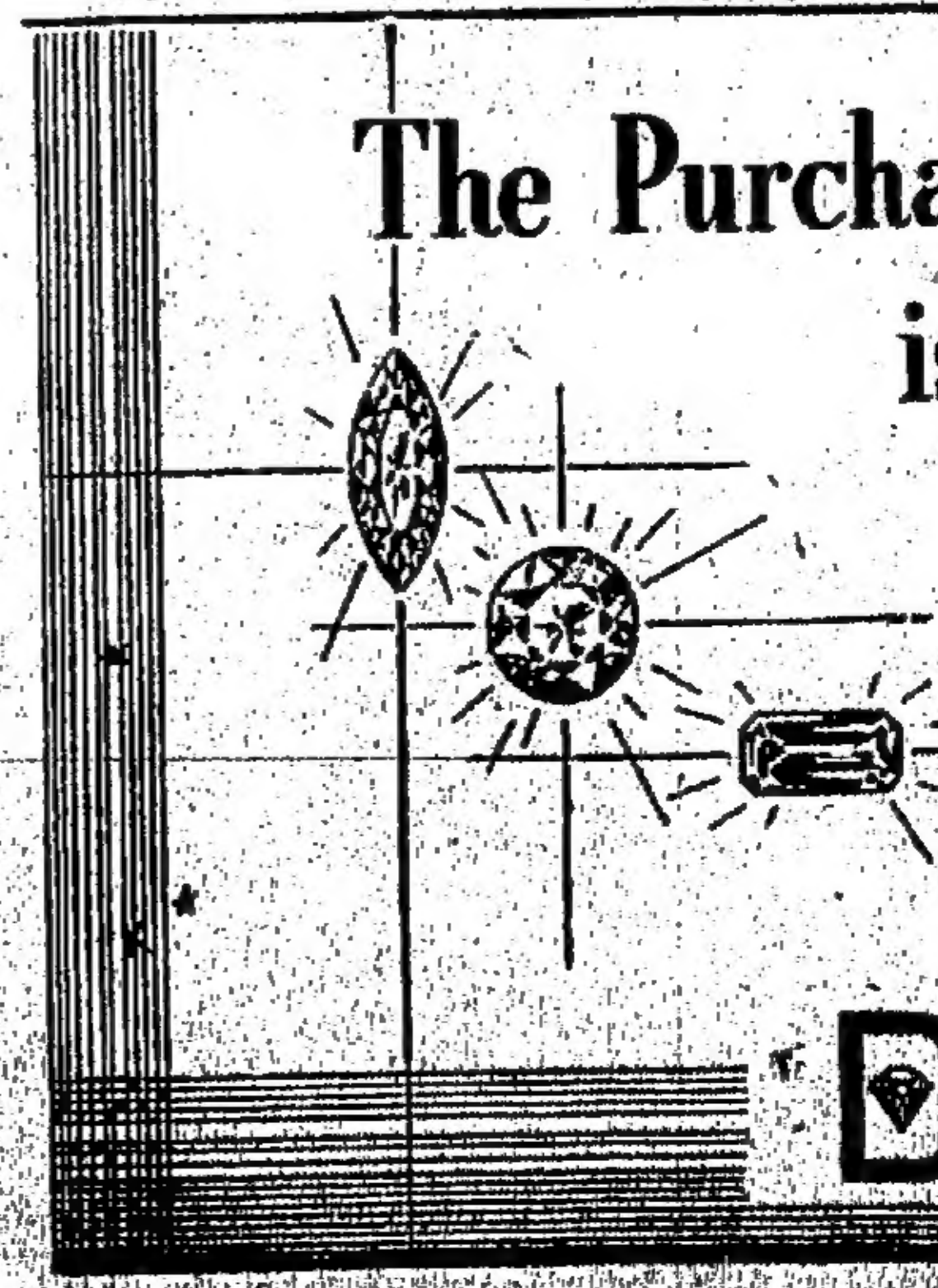
WARNING ON CHEAP COTTON IMPORTS

Manchester, Dec. 28.

The 225 million firm of Fine Spinners and Doublers warned Britain's cotton industry here today about cheap imports from Asia and Commonwealth countries. The firm's directors in an interim statement declared, "The availability of a large volume of yarn and cloth imported at prices based on wages only a fraction of ours is more than any Western country can withstand."

"As a result of this disruption our position in the United Kingdom has deteriorated and orders are more and more difficult to get even after drastic reductions in margins. Output has been curtailed to allow excess supplies to be absorbed." — Reuter.

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GEARING—THAT'S THE SECRET OF SOUND INVESTMENT

By Cass Robertson

London, Dec. 27.

Investing in shares is rather like driving a motor-car. If the investor goes too slow, he might just as well get out and walk. If he goes too fast, sooner or later he will hit something with a fearful bang.

Most investors plainly understand when they should apply the brake to their activities, and when they need a touch of the accelerator.

But driving a car merely on these two controls can give a very jerky ride. And it is exactly the same for the investor. Yet there is a way in which he can help to smooth out his journey between the constantly changing lights of the Stock Exchange—by gearing.

Gearing your investment portfolio works in exactly the same way as the gearing of your car. It can be either high or low.

If the economic going is rough, your portfolio will do better if it is low-gear. But if the road ahead looks smooth and straight, then you will get along more profitably in high gear.

Risk-carriers

You can build up a high-gear portfolio by concentrating on buying Ordinary shares. As Ordinaries are the risk-carriers of investment, they tend to be much more volatile than fixed-interest stocks, such as Preference shares and Debentures.

So when times are good you make more money out of Ordinary shares than the others. But when a market setback comes along your Ordinaries will tend to slump much more quickly than your fixed-interest shares.

But there is another level of gearing that is perhaps even less understood by the small investor. Not only can his spread of investments be geared to suit his

tastes, but every individual Ordinary share it contains also has an element of gearing. It always pays, therefore, to have a close look at the capital structure of any company before you buy its shares.

Some companies have a large slice of their capital issued in the form of Debentures or Preference shares. These companies are high-gear.

When profits are falling they will have to fork out a large proportion of their earnings in interest payments to the holders of their priority stocks. So there will be less left for the Ordinary share-holders.

A good example of a high-gear company is English Electric.

Recently Lord Nelson, the chairman of this massive group, announced that this year's profits would be appreciably lower than those for 1960. He hinted that it may not be possible to pay the forecast 10% dividend on the Ordinary shares.

Not surprising

And when you look at how much English Electric has to pay in interest, this is not very surprising. They have £23,747,000 issued to Debenture holders, at the time of the last balance sheet they owed nearly £24,000,000 to their bankers. All of which, I reckon, could be costing them as much as £2,500,000 a year in interest.

And then before any of the £30,000,000 of Ordinary capital qualifies for a pay out, there are dividends on the £2,500,000 of Preference stock to be paid off. Of course, when profits are rising, the Ordinary shareholders stand to gain by this type of capital structure. The fixed-interest holders are only entitled to the same amount, no matter how high the profits are. So when a company has done well, the Ordinary shareholders in a high-gear company will get fewer dividends than those in a low-gear company. For there are fewer of them to share in the spoils.

Not many big companies, of course, are as highly geared as English Electric. But if you look down a list of them you will find all sorts of variations of lower gearing.

Some, like Rover, the car manufacturers, have no gearing at all. All their £5,000,000 capital is issued in Ordinary shares.

Others change gear as they go along. This is what happens

ing now to S. Smith & Sons (England), the clock and instrument makers. At present only about an eighth of the money they use is in the form of fixed-interest capital. But now they have decided to gear-up by increasing this proportion of their capital instead of issuing new Ordinary shares.

How should gearing influence the investor in his choice of shares? If he wants a fast and dangerous ride he will stick to high-gear companies. If he prefers a slower but safer journey, he will change down.

But a lot depends on current economic and trading conditions. And when the outlook is uncertain, he would do well to keep away from any Ordinary shares that have a high proportion of fixed-interest capital ranking before them. —London Express Service

THE BALTIC EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 27.

Following the Christmas holiday, the freight market on the Baltic Exchange has resumed its pre-holiday trend and Gulf grain fixing dominated the market.

Gulf charters were engaged largely in fixing grain to Egypt and Algeria.

On the Pacific the Celtic Monarch was fixed with 10,000 tons of bulk wheat from British Columbia to China at 28/6. This was 7/6 above the rate last paid for similar business on July 8.

The time charter section was quiet.

Hampton Roads to Lisbon

Min. 9,500 tons, 10 per cent. coal, January 5/12, \$4, with 1,000 discharge free.

Gulf to Antwerp-Hamburg range, Bosna, 10,000/11,000 tons March/May grains January 12/27, \$5, option Antwerp Rotterdam or Amsterdam discharge 25 cents less, with 3,000 discharge free.—UPL

'Brighter year ahead for U.S. textile industry'

New York, Dec. 27.

The American textile industry is looking toward 1962 with prospects of steady employment and improvement in prices and profits.

Mr. R. Dave Hall, President, American Cotton Manufacturers Institute, in an end-of-year review and forecast in Charlotte, North Carolina, said the promise of a better economic situation for the industry is calculated on the recent turnaround of the nation's general economic conditions and realistic solution of the industry's import problem.

"The potential displacement of U.S. textiles by imports," Mr. Hall said, "creates uncertainty and clouds the domestic mill outlook for 1962 for steady and continued textile upturn."

However, Mr. Hall added, "there is some hope that the uncertainty can be reduced by at least two factors:

1. Current negotiations in Geneva among principle textile producing and consuming nations, and

2. A hearing scheduled to begin on February 13, 1962 before the U.S. tariff commission."

Increased cost

The Geneva negotiations are aimed at bringing about worldwide orderly marketing of textiles and are part of a continuing series of conferences begun last summer by the U.S. Meanwhile, Mr. Hall added, the increased cost of raw cotton (which is covered before a widening of profit margins can occur) although no boom is anticipated in textile plant and equipment spending, the ACMI chief said such outlays "are expected to be steady in the month ahead."—UPL

Advances made in slow trading

Gains took the upper hand in slow post-holiday trading yesterday and industrial stocks closed firm.

LONDON

Business shortly before the final bell moved at a crawl when a power failure cut off the market's lights.

Engineering and electrical groups advanced, and among the stocks, Woolworth forged ahead in advance of results due next month. Cotton textiles were a two-way affair.

British Petroleum made a weak spot in oil on worries over Kuwait while Lloyds left away to 14 shillings on Peru's tax imposition. Australian Oil and Gas leapt to 56 shillings after good development news.

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollars (per £1)	6.57
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.80
Australian notes (per £1)	12.58
Japanese yen (per 100)	1.51
French franc (per 100)	1.13
Brazilian cruzeiro (per 100)	1.20
Argentine peso (per 100)	5.30
Korean won (per 100)	4.40
Italian lira (per 100)	0.83
Burmese kyat (per 100)	0.33
Taiwan yuan (per 100)	1.29
Thai baht (per 100)	20.50
Burmese kyat (per 100)	7.75
Pakistan rupee (per 100)	0.970
Malaya (per 100)	7.70
Philippine peso (per 100)	1.26
Singapore dollar (per 100)	1.21
Sri Lanka (per 100)	1.31
Netherlands guilder (per 100)	1.54
West German D-Mark (per 100)	1.40
Cuba peso (per 100)	0.80

STEADY AND ACTIVE

The post-holiday activity continued on the market this morning with interest well spread on the list of stocks.

Prices were pretty steady, although a few counters were fractionally lower compared with yesterday.

The morning's turnover was about \$3,570,000.

Steady shares included Wheelcocks, Docks, Lands and Electrics.

Those slightly lower included Lights, Tailcoos, and Banks.

HONGKONG

The morning's quotations and prices were:

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Gains may signal end-of-year rally

The market made a fairly vigorous advance yesterday in what Wall Streeters hoped was the start of the usual end-of-year rally.

NEW YORK

Gains of key stocks went from fractions to \$3 or more, specially-situated issues did better, Hercules Powder ran up \$4 on stock split news and Campbell Soup \$4 on a dividend rise.

Scattered losers appeared in various groups and the aerospace stocks showed mostly minus signs. Selected chemicals, steels, motors, utilities, rails and drugs accounted for a good part of the rise.

It was the first clear-cut market advance in ten sessions, the list was mixed at the start but prices improved gradually in the afternoon, gaining strength as more cash came in from the sidelines.

Of 1316 issues traded, 637 advanced and 448 declined. New highs for the year totalled 12 and new lows 13.

The Associated Press average of 80 stocks rose 2.70 to 262.20 with industrials up 4.50; rails up 1.50; and utilities up .80. The Standard and Poor index closed at 71.65 up .63.

Volume rises

An estimated \$3,900 million was added to the quoted value of stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, based on the rise in the AP average. It was the sharpest advance since November 8 when the average rose 2.80.

Volume swelled to 4.17 million shares from 3.18 million shares on Tuesday and was the largest since December 14 when 4.35 million shares changed hands.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 8.34 at 731.43.

Business news and economic forecasts continued good, but what really sparked the rally, analysts said, was the fact that the bulk of end-of-year profit-taking and switching seemed to have been disposed of.

The bullish atmosphere also had support from news that steel production was at the highest level since April 1960 and that November construction contracts were at a peak. The head of General Motors predicted that 1962 would be a seven-million-car year.

The best part of the rise was accounted for by selective gains among chemicals, steels, rails, motors and utilities. Aircrafts were mostly lower. Scattered losers appeared in various groups.—AP

Closing prices

ACF Lida	87	Ampex	29 1/2
Air Red	64 1/2	Anacosta	40
Aldis	75	Armco	72 1/2
All Chem	54 1/2	Armour	20 1/2
All Mills	42 1/2	Baird	14 1/2
All Chl	17 1/2	Balt Ohio	20 1/2
Alum Ltd	28 1/2	Bath Iron	54 1/2
Alum Co Am	55 1/2	Bechtel	78 1/2
Am Brake	47 1/2	Ben Fin	51
Am Cyn	60 1/2	Benet	42 1/2
Am Cyto	60 1/2	Beta Int	42 1/2
Am Mach	38 1/2	Blaw Knox	36 1/2
Am Metal	38 1/2	Boeing	51 1/2
Am N Gas	40 1/2	Borman	21 1/2
Am Photo	34 1/2	Burroughs	43 1/2
Am Snek	62 1/2	CBS	25 1/2
Am Sugar	35 1/2	Case, Co	7
Am T&T	138 1/2	Celanese	35 1/2
Am Tob	100 1/2	Cerro Corp	51 1/2

New York cotton

New York, Dec. 27.

Cotton futures today developed more activity and a steadier tone after a quiet and mixed start.

Liquidation hampered rallying tendencies in the nearby spot month, but later deliveries edged up to gains of \$1.25 a bale with the July delivery leading the way.

The final range was three lower to 19 points higher. The market opened five higher to 15 points lower. New Orleans also closed off 31 to up 19 points.

Traders reported a moderate amount of switching between old crop March and May at around 95 points difference by trade and commission house brokers.—UPL

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First Hongkong Fund: \$1.15 (buyer) \$1.23 (seller).

Second Hongkong Fund: \$1 cents (buyer) 97 cents (seller).

AGREED RATES

Swiss Francs, Maximum Selling, 75-3/16.

Belgian Francs, Maximum Selling, 85.

West German Deutschmarks, Maximum Selling, 69 1/2.

COMMODITY PRICES

FOREIGN EXCHANGE	SUGAR	RUBBER
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	NEW YORK
Closing rates: Montreal 2.97 1/2; London 1.10 1/2; Paris 1.10 1/2; Zurich 1.10 1/2.	Closing prices, all in cents per lb.: World No. 11 21 1/2; World No. 12 21 1/2; World No. 13 21 1/2.	Closing prices, all in cents per lb.: World No. 1 100; World No. 2 100; World No. 3 100.
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RUSSIAN PACIFIC TESTS LINKED WITH 'ATTACK ON MOON'

Chrysler Corp to market gas-turbine powered cars

New York, Dec. 27. — The Chrysler Corporation of Detroit announced here today that it will probably market 50 to 75 gas-turbine powered passenger cars within two years.

The first cars might be available for selected motorists in 18 months. Mr. George Huebner, Chrysler research director, told a press conference just before a turbine-powered Dodge Dart left on a 3,000-mile test run to Los Angeles.

No smog

Mr. Huebner said the gas-turbine engine was only one half to two-thirds the weight of the conventional piston engine, had only about a fifth the number of parts, was smoother and required less maintenance.

It was self-cooled and always started quickly and smoothly, no matter what the air temperature.

It produced no carbon monoxide and left no unburned carbon, and therefore did not contribute to smog.

Mr. Huebner said the car could run "beautifully" on "practically anything that is available as fuel that will run through a pipe and that will burn with air." —Reuter

American help sought to fight oil fire

Lagos, Dec. 27. — The Shell and British Petroleum companies today issued an appeal to an American company specialising in oil well fires after a Shell well exploded early on Christmas morning five miles from Port Harcourt.

The explosion injured a Dutch oil worker, Peter de Jong, and forced the evacuation of 120 persons from the nearby village of Umuolu.

Flames from the burning well were visible in Port Harcourt as firemen continued to fight the blaze. Engineers made arrangements today to pump water from the nearby Calabar River but it was doubted the fire could be extinguished that way.

The name of the American firm contacted was not immediately learned. —UPI

River iced

Brussels, Dec. 27. — The River Sambre in South Belgium was iced over today for the first time since 1956.

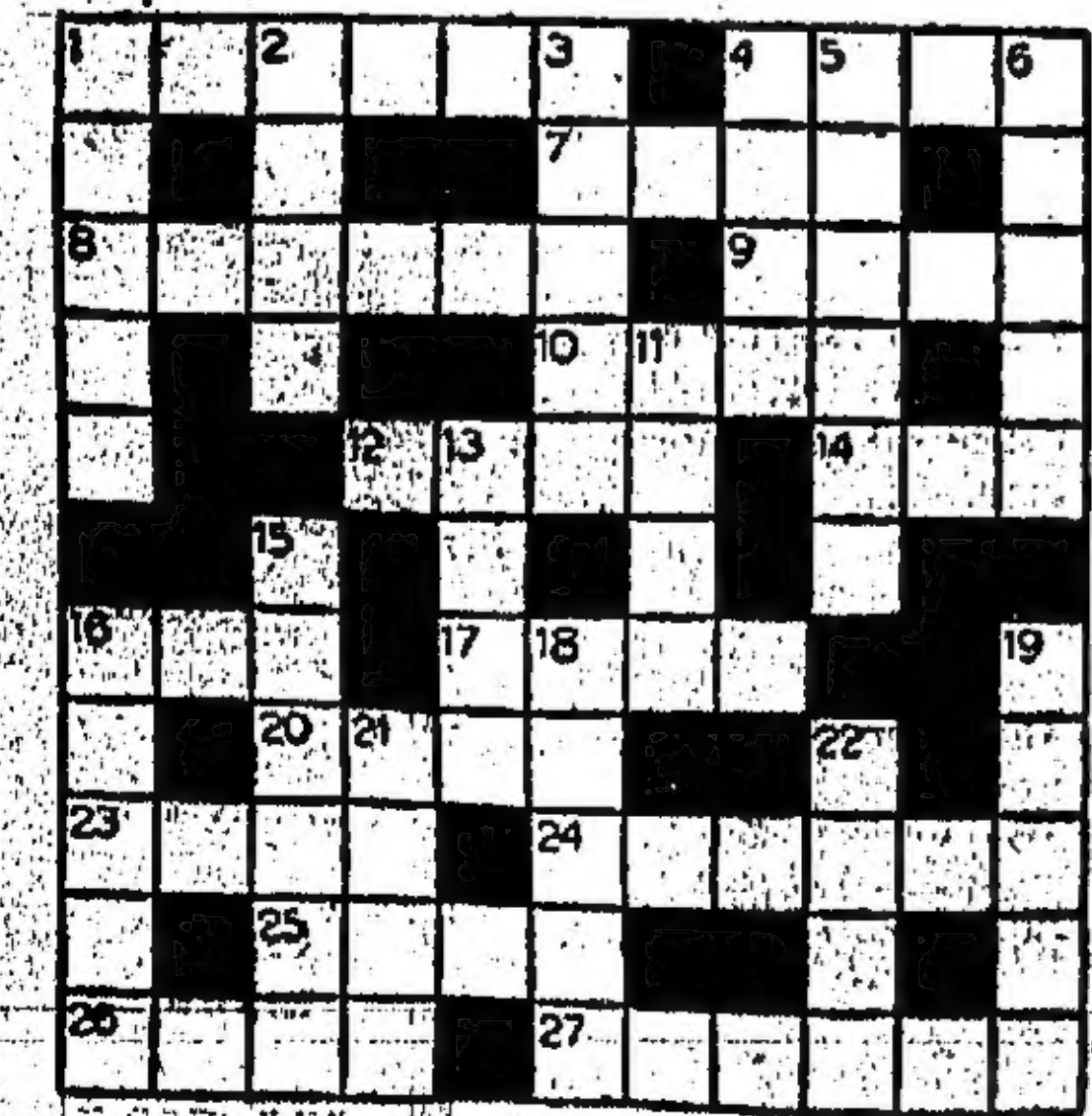
Police said 434 road accidents over Christmas were mainly caused by icy roads.

The accident total was slightly down on last Christmas. —Reuter



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British newspaper predicts first stage in new year

London, Dec. 27. — The Russians plan the first stage of their attack on the moon early in the new year, possibly next month, the Evening Standard said tonight.

Against cancer



Dr Bertil Bjorklund, famous Swedish scientist specialising in cancer research, started a test vaccination of 120 persons against cancer. Here he injects the first anti-cancer vaccine into his own arm on December 21. —London Express Photo.

NEWS IN BRIEF — DEC. 27

Russia changes envoy to United States

Washington. — The State Department today officially confirmed that Russia has recalled its Ambassador, Mr. Mikhail (Smiling Mike) Menshikov, and assigned the head of the American section of the Soviet Foreign Ministry to replace him in Washington.

A spokesman said the United States today gave its formal consent to receiving the new Ambassador Mr. Anatoli Fedorovich Dobrynin, a 42-year-old career diplomat. —UPI

Traffic stopped

Vienna. — Thick ice covering the Austrian part of the River Danube halted all river traffic today.

In some places solid ice six inches thick stretches nearly four miles. —Reuter.

Leave homes

Oran. — About 40,000 European Algerians left their homes in the Oran region for France during the first nine months of 1961, an informed source said here today.

The source, commenting on Paris Press reports about a mass exodus of European Algerians from Algeria, said that only about 27,000 Europeans had quit the Oran region for France over the period from November 1954 (when the Algerian rebellion started) until December 31, 1960. —AFP.

Paris medal

Paris. — The Vermilion Medal of the City of Paris was today awarded to Professor Toshiko Iwaki, President of the Japanese Committee of the Kyoto-Paris Friendship Pact, and Mr. Kazuyoshi Yoshizawa, President of the Paris-Kyoto Judo tournament recently held in Paris.

M. Paul Minot, president of the Paris Municipal Council, pinned the gold and silver medal, struck with the city's Coat of Arms on Professor Iwaki and Mr. Yoshizawa in a ceremony in the City Hall. —China Mail Special.

Train death

Philadelphia. — One person was killed and 20 injured last night when four cars of a five-unit elevated train were derailed.

Witnesses said the first cars smashed into the concrete catwalk along the track, ripping loose huge chunks and knocking them 35 feet to the street below.

The victim was Earl Gibson, 45, of Philadelphia, who apparently was standing on the catwalk when he was hit by a piece of concrete. —AP.

Icy cold

Bonn. — Ice halted East-West German barge traffic on the Mittelrand Canal today and hampered vessels on the Upper Danube and Dortmund-Ems Canal. Berlin temperatures were the lowest this century at nine degrees Fahrenheit. —Reuter.

Guard Boring rides in uneasy splendour

Palm Beach, Dec. 27. — Secret Service agent Floyd Boring rode in splendour on the back seat of a top-down White House convertible today with President Kennedy serving as his chauffeur.

Boring's job is to protect the President, and he normally rides on the front seat of the Chief Executive's car, along with a Secret Service driver.

But the weather was so inviting when the President set out this morning to visit his ailing father at a nearby hospital that he decided to take the wheel himself.

His wife, Jacqueline, got in the front seat beside him, leaving the rear seat for Boring.

The Secret Service agent sat uncomfortably as he was driven through the heart of Palm Beach and her sister city, West Palm Beach, by the President of the United States. —UPI.

CHRISTMAS ROAD TOLL NOW 127

London, Dec. 27. — A provisional total of 127 Britons died on the roads over the five-day Christmas holiday — the same as last year's final total, the Transport Ministry said today.

The death toll now reads: Friday, 40, Saturday, 29, Sunday, 22, Monday (Christmas Day), 22, Tuesday, 14.

Reports of more accidents, and deaths of injured road-users are almost certain, however, to send the cost in lives of this Christmas on the roads some way above last year's. —Reuter.

Tshombe MPs arrive in Leopoldville

Leopoldville, Dec. 27. — The first group of Katangese parliamentarians arrived here tonight to take their seats in the Central Parliament in accordance with the agreement reached by the Congo central government and Katanga leaders at Kitona before Christmas.

The group of three senators and three deputies headed by Mr. Albert Nyembo, national senator and Katangese Minister of Public Functions, arrived on a U.N. DC-6 and were escorted into Leopoldville under a Nigerian U.N. guard.

Mr. Cyrille Adoula, the Central Prime Minister, welcomed the parliamentarians in an official communiqué.

Their arrival, he said, showed the "wish of the President of the province of Katanga to respect the agreement which he freely signed at Kitona authorising senators and deputies originating from south Katanga to come to Leopoldville in order to participate in the work of the higher assemblies of the country."

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This is the second time Katanga parliamentarians have come to Leopoldville since their recognition of the Central Congo Government on August 2, 1961, by Mr. Nyembo and came here late in August but left hastily in September after the Congolese Parliament had decided on strong measures to end the Katanga secession.

Mr. Nyembo told Reuter that other deputies would arrive later on another flight.

There are nine deputies and seven senators of President Moïse Tshombe's Conakat Party who have seats in the Central Parliament.

Only one, a former Balubakat, Mr. Bertin Mwamba, has remained in Leopoldville throughout. One was killed in a recent hunting accident in Katanga. —Reuter.

WELENSKY DENIES U.N. CHARGES OF GUN-RUNNING

Salisbury, Dec. 27. — The Federal Rhodesian cabinet today denied United Nations allegations that arms were entering Katanga province from Northern Rhodesia.

It also charged that a recent U.N. call for increased arms for its forces in Katanga posed a threat to the Federation.

The office of Rhodesian Prime Minister, Sir Roy Welensky, issued a statement after the cabinet met today in a 90-minute emergency session to discuss the Katanga crisis.

The statement said the United Nations had failed to substantiate its charges that arms for the Katanga Government of President Moïse Tshombe were entering the province from Northern Rhodesia.

Rumour

"In the absence of fact the United Nations was content to rely on rumour" to substantiate its charges, the statement said.

An appeal by acting U.N. Secretary-General U Thant for tanks, howitzers and other heavy weapons for U.N. Congo forces carried "an ominous connotation," the statement said.

The statement continued: "The Federal Cabinet agreed that if there was to be a further resort to force in Katanga it would pose an immensely serious threat to the Federation. The situation therefore continues to be watched with the greatest concern."

The Welensky Government also gave qualified support to the British view that a peaceful solution for the Congo would emerge from the Leopoldville talks between Katangese authorities and the central Congolese government.

A threat

But it warned that the "existence in the Congo of a strong military force armed with offensive weapons of heavy calibre must pose a threat" to neighbours.

It said: "The Federal Government is pleased to notice more hopeful signs for the possibility of negotiating the federal constitutional settlement of the Congo problems with give and take on both sides." —UPI & AFP.

Golf leads to closer ties: Thanat

Bangkok, Dec. 27. — The Thai Foreign Minister, Mr. Thanat Khoman, told reporters today that friendly golf matches with Malaysia and Singapore Prime Ministers over the weekend would help to bring about closer relations and better understanding between the Thais, Malaysians and Singaporeans.

The Malaysian Prime Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, and the Singapore Prime Minister, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, who came here last week for a "friendly private" golf meet at the seaside resort of Hua Hin, left for home yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Thanat disclosed that private talks took place between golf matches on the next ministerial meeting of the Association of Southeast Asia.

It was understood that Mr. Thanat wanted the meeting to be held in February, as he will be busy in January with the state visit of Prince Axel of Denmark, while the "Tengku" favoured the meeting for January. Consultations with the Philippines will be held but the date of the meeting has not been decided.

Asked about reaction of Singapore and Malaysia to a projected construction of a canal across the Kra Isthmus, Mr. Thanat said the project was considered as a domestic issue and was not discussed with the visitors. —Reuter.



M.P. SEEKS BAN

Mr James Dance, Member of Parliament for Bromsgrove, is trying to persuade the Home Office that the use of cellulose nitrate for making spectacle frames should be prohibited. He claims that cellulose acetate—which is slow to ignite—should be used instead.

In order to prove his claim, he is seen here using a burning cellulose nitrate frame to light his cigarette, while safely wearing spectacles made from cellulose acetate. —The Times photograph.

'PLOT AGAINST REGIME'

Guinea charge 'absurd,' say French sources

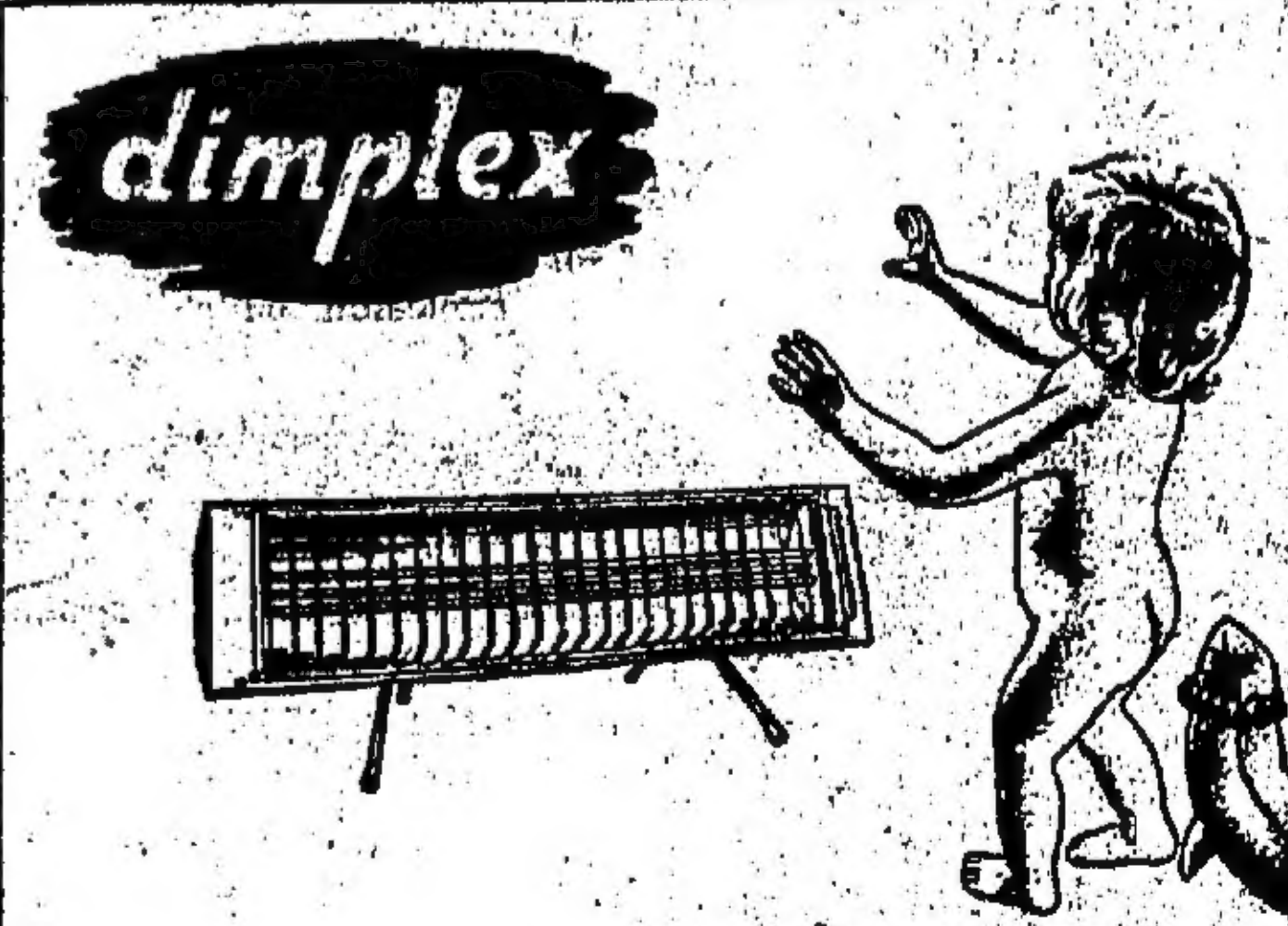
Paris, Dec. 27. — Sources close to the French Government today described as "absurd" a reported charge by President Sekou Toure that the French Ambassador aided a plot against the regime of the West African state a month ago.

The sources said no official complaint had been made by the Guinea authorities to France.

The sources said the Government learned from press reports of the charge that the Ambassador, M. Jean-Louis Ons, had permitted the French diplomatic bag to be used for communications with the Guinea "anti-party group" in Paris and Moscow.

The sources expressed surprise that a French Embassy should be accused of serving the purposes of Communism.

The charge was made by President Toure at the opening of the Guinea Democratic Congress at Labe, last Monday. —Reuter.



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Fallout shelters for newly-weds

Denver, Dec. 27. — Dr. Margaret Mead, the American anthropologist, has suggested a world programme of special nuclear fallout shelters for newly-weds, to ensure continuance of the human race in the event of nuclear war.

In a talk to the American Association for the Advancement of Science here yesterday, Dr. Mead said: "Let the U.S. propose that the United Nations be asked to debate the feasibility of an internationally-managed shelter system in which a cross-section of the most productive and

highly-motivated members of every continent and every country could be saved."

"Let us propose a programme in which each country is assisted to build a blast-proof shelter sufficient to accommodate all of the people married in that country during a two-week period."

During their first six months of marriage they should spend two weeks in the shelter," Dr. Mead suggested, saying the system would ensure the survival of a group strongly motivated to continue their lives together and reproduce themselves. —Reuter.

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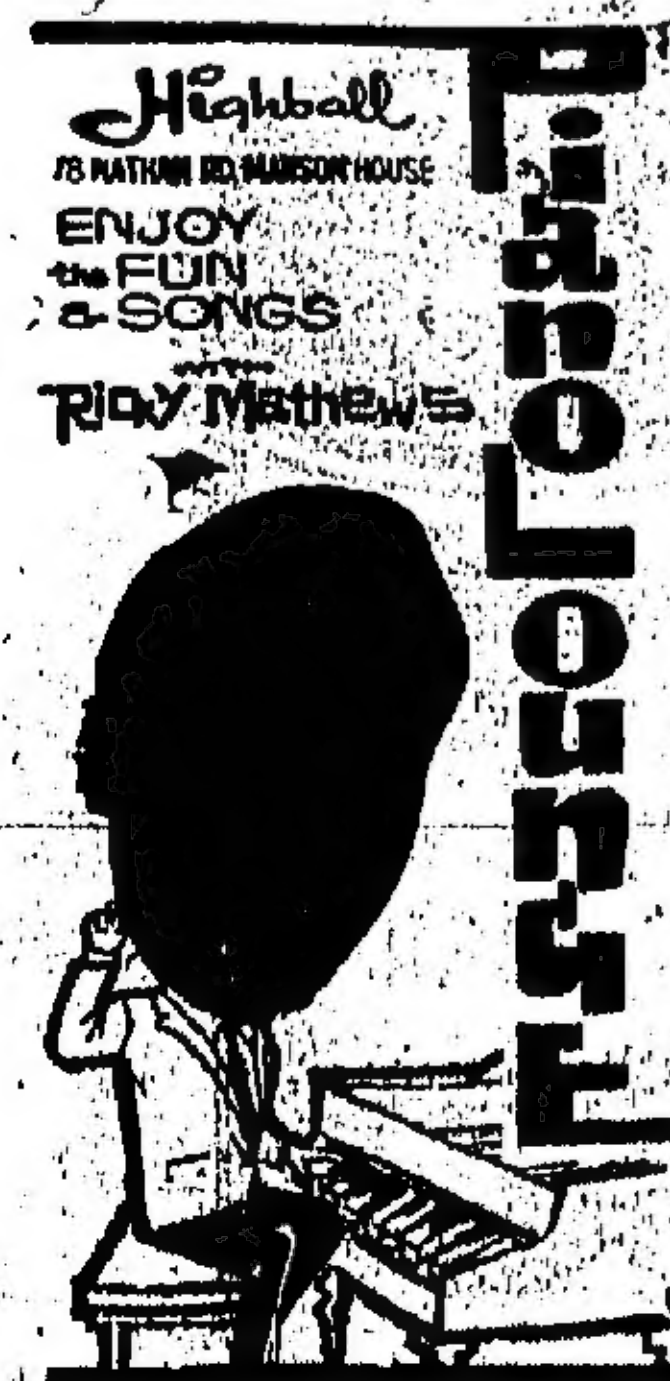
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IN THE WORLD

Princeton, N.J., Dec. 27.

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has been named the most admired woman in the world in 1961 in a Gallup poll released today.

It was the 13th time in the 14 years that the poll has been conducted that Mrs Roosevelt was awarded first place. Sister Kenny was cited as the most admired woman on one occasion.

President Kennedy's wife, Jacqueline, was named second in this year's poll of around 1,600 persons, and Queen Elizabeth of England was third. Both men and women were among those selected from a cross-section of the American public to answer the question: "What woman that you've heard or read about living today in any part of the world do you admire the most?" The top ten selected:

1. Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt.
2. Mrs John F. Kennedy.
3. Queen Elizabeth.
4. Mrs Dwight D. Eisenhower.
5. Clare Boothe Luce.
6. Helen Keller.
7. Madame Chiang Kai-shek.
8. U.S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith.
9. Pauline Frederick, NBC correspondent for the United Nations.
10. Mrs Richard M. Nixon.

—AP.

GASPING FOR AIR

Photo shows jewfish spiralling on their tails gasping for air. It was taken from a trawler off the New South Wales coast, where millions of fish have mysteriously died recently. The fish are swimming for the beaches with their heads out of the water, and hurling themselves ashore. When people throw them back, they struggle for shore again and die. The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation have been asked to help solve the mystery. Meanwhile, people have been warned not to eat the fish.

NEW TV SERIES
Mountbatten presents
Duff Cooper PrizeAustralia
to EnglandNew York, Dec. 27.
Mr Charlton Heston, U.S. actor whose film speciality has been Biblical roles, has been chosen to read Mr Franklin D. Roosevelt's writings in the forthcoming television series, "The Roosevelt Years," the American Broadcasting Company announced today.

The network plans to launch the series in the Autumn of 1962. Mrs Roosevelt, widow of the late U.S. President, is a consultant on the series.

The network expects to use Mr Heston's voice—with the performer himself never seen—as it used British actor Richard Burton's voice to read Mr Winston Churchill's words in its World War II series, "The Valiant Years."—AP.

Sydney, Dec. 27.
Scottish racing driver and pilot Ron Flockhart flew into Sydney today to plan his second attempt on the Australia to England solo air record next April.

The record, 124 hours flying time, was set by the late Jimmy Broadbent in 1938. In February-March this year Flockhart tried to better the time in a World War II Mustang fighter but engine trouble beat him.—China Mail Special.

Gold Coast
sharksBrisbane, Dec. 27.
More sharks now threaten holiday resort beaches of Queensland's "Gold Coast" than at any other time in his 17-year experience of the coast, fisherman and aquarium owner Jack Evans said today.

"I have dropped nets only twice this season, catching nine sharks in one and six in the other," he said.

"Today I saw 18 sharks. Lifesavers at two beaches killed two."—China Mail Special.

SCALLOP PEARL

Paris, Dec. 27.
A woman found a magnificent pearl in a scallop she prepared for her guests on Christmas morning. She took it to a jeweller who assured her that it was of real value.—AP.Killed by
knifeHaverhill, Mass., Dec. 27.
Mrs C. Gertrude Howard, 75, died today when, police reported, a paring knife slipped from a jar and pierced her heart. Hale hospital officials said the woman died almost instantly. Police said she apparently had been trying to open a jar of preserves with the knife.—AP.

Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Chief of the Defence Staff, presented the Duff Cooper Memorial Prize at a private ceremony here to 37-year-old British publisher and author Jocelyn Baines for his biography of Joseph Conrad, the Polish sailor who became a famous English novelist.

The book, which was published last year in Britain and the United States, was Mr Baines' first. It was described in the Times Literary Supplement here as "a biography in which understanding is informed with detachment and scholarship tempered with urbanity."

The prize was instituted in 1958 in memory of Alfred Duff Cooper, the statesman, diplomat and historian, later known as Viscount Norwich, who died in 1954. It is awarded annually for a non-fiction work in English or French.

Lady Digna Cooper, widow of Lord Norwich, attended the presentation which took place at the house of Lady Jones, wife of Sir Roderick Jones, former Chairman and Managing Director of Reuters.

Lady Jones is known in the literary world as Enid Bagnold, the novelist and playwright.—China Mail Special.

playwright.—China Mail Special.

Countess
wants
divorceLondon, Dec. 27.
The American-born Countess of Coventry said today she is filing for divorce from her husband, the Earl of Coventry.

The Countess said legal proceedings had begun but referred reporters to her lawyer, who was not immediately available for further comment.

The Earl married Miss Mimi Medart, then known in international circles as the "Hamburger Heiress," in 1955 when both were 21.

Her father, the late Mr William S. Medart, was to have made a fortune in the "Hamburger business."

Before her marriage the Countess made European headlines when her name was linked with ex-King Farouk.—UPI.

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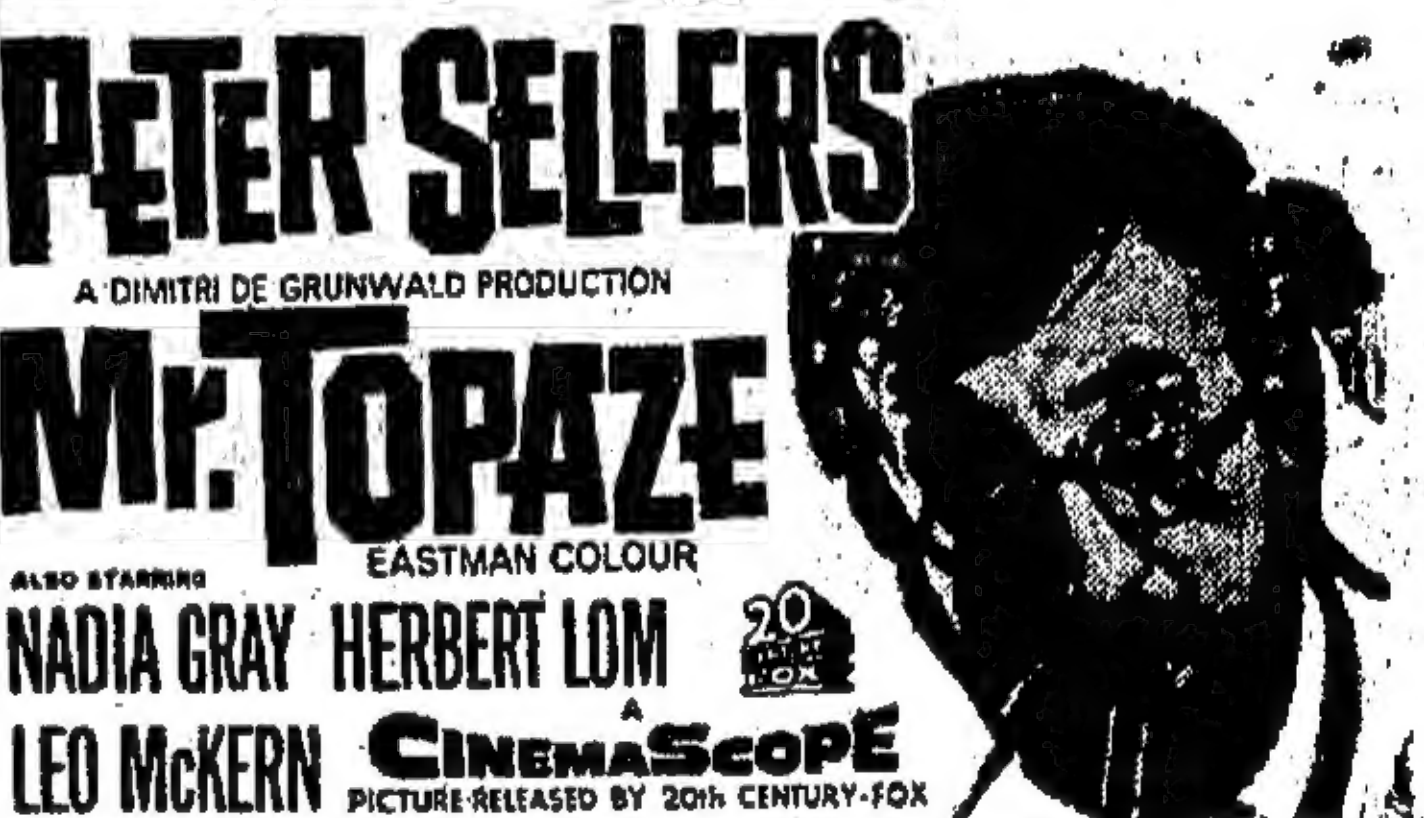
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Nehru the arch-humbug

AFTER INDIA HAS INVADED GOA, A LOOK BACK AT WHAT HE HAS SAID...

PEACEFUL co-existence has been the Indian way of life and is as old as India's thought and culture.

—speech during Bulganin-Kruschev visit, December 1955.

India has given a symbol to its people—the symbol of the Asoka Wheel, which represents peace, morality, and the ancient culture and peaceful ways of this country.

To seek to impose a settlement by force is to disregard the rights of nations.

—on Suez, September 1956

Humbug
1. A bomb: a jesting or belittling word, an imposition, etc.

It is the attitude of regarding one's own conception as righteous and everything else wrong that leads to conflicts.

—at Red Cross conference, Delhi, October 1957.

This war has convinced me of the utter folly and criminality of armed conflict and methods of violence in international affairs.

—article in News Chronicle, December 1941.

Humbug
2. A thing which is not really what it pretends to be, an imposture, a deception, fraud, etc.

A very small conflict has the shadow of a big conflict behind it, and a big conflict has the shadow of a world war behind it.

—on Syrian crisis, September 1957.

We have been conditioned by a master spirit of this age, Mahatma Gandhi, to get rid of violence and make friends with all.

—during Bulganin-Kruschev visit, November 1955.

The only approach we can make is an approach of tolerance,

of avoidance of violence and hatred.

—about cold war danger, Delhi, October 1957.

With the invasion of Finland Russia lined herself with the aggressor nations and thereby was false to the traditions she herself has nourished for many years.

—in an article, February 1940.

India is not strong enough to make a very great difference to world affairs. But whatever strength we have we cast it on the side of peace.

—in January 1954.

Humbug
3. Deception, pretence, fraud, and imposture: "ally" stuff and nonsense!

Anything which takes us towards peace and away from war is good.

—speech in April 1953, London Express Service.



London Express Service.

"We, the people of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, to reaffirm faith in the dignity and worth of the human person, to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another, to ensure by the acceptance of principles that armed force shall not be used save in the common interest, have resolved to combine together..." etc., etc., etc.

THIS is the preamble to the charter of that greatly prized and idealised institution founded in San Francisco in 1944.

This is also in wicked reality and shame, a mere 17 years later, the label round the neck of that same institution, metamorphosed into a charging Congo rhinoceros, tearing up the earth in great craters, shattering mines, works, and hospitals and sending thousands of simple Africans scurrying back to the barbarism of their forefathers or, perhaps to be infinitely craved for, to death itself.

What cruel changes these 17 years have wrought and what monster of iniquity now stands before us where once transfigured Valhalla itself was glimpsed!

Can humanity rid itself of the present apparition or must we physically destroy the creature

The gathering forces that menace Britain...

by LORD HINCHINGBROOKE

Tory M.P. for South Dorset

We have consciously created and begun the experiment again? That is the supreme question of the hour

No demigod

What those liberals who worship at the shrine of internationalism have never understood is that this sacred institution is no demigod sent down from another world to look after us, but

a thing made by nations in their own image.

Constantly one hears Ministers, Opposition leaders and others complaining that the United Nations is not perfect enough, that it lacks the trappings of a super Power, that its faults are the faults of callow youth.

Never do they seem to understand the terrible truth that the more the United Nations is groomed to refinement and

maturity, the more potent for evil it may become.

It is no mere coincidence that in the first few years when it enshrined the veto of the Great Powers and the protection of internal systems given by Article II, the United Nations was in a condition for all to admire.

It is no mere coincidence either that now, in the present period, when these safeguards have been all but swept away and when contingents of troops from all over the world are rallying to its banner, apprehension steadily grows.

More acute

The fact is that the nations over the years have consciously or unconsciously, like Dr Frankenstein in his laboratory, created a robot that cannot be tamed.

For Britain, with its scattered and changing Commonwealth, there lurks a danger more acute than for any other of the Powers.

It is no distance at all, for example, from Katanga to Northern Rhodesia, or Tanganyika, or Uganda.

What now prevents a daemonic majority of small Powers in the United Nations, drunk with new nationhood, from voting for military measures against one faction or another in these countries, creating civil war and bringing to nought Britain's painstaking attempts at multiracial Commonwealth development?

We have to ask ourselves some deadly serious questions:—

Who has done the British Commonwealth the greatest mischief since the war?

Who has upset our time-table of development most?

Who has invaded our traditional bastions of strategic and commercial power to the greatest degree?

Is it Russia, is it Europe?

Or is it the United States and the United Nations? Is it the Old World or is it the New?

Sir Winston Churchill in his famous speeches after the war put the so-called Free World on guard against Communism.

Hardly had we finished the exhausting War of Unconditional Surrender against Hitler than we found ourselves engaged to a relentless crusade against our wartime allies, the Soviet Union.

The United States emerged from the war economically enriched and militarily far more powerful than at any time in her history. (Our post-war recovery, let us freely acknowledge, was handsomely primed by her munificence.) We accepted her political and ideological leadership.

Melted away

Becoming increasingly liberal ourselves in the top fights of our administration we found no difficulty in switching nearly the whole of our defence programme, at America's behest, into the line-up against Communism.

Gradually and imperceptibly the weight of our industrial and political effort, which might have continued to pour into both the old and the new Commonwealth, has been reorientated into international bodies and into forms of defence which suit America's basic strategic plan.

Purely Commonwealth economic schemes have melted away.

Our tariffs have been lowered to the point of acute danger to our reserves. To avoid a second devaluation we accept a substantial loan and with it most unpropitious terms for linking up with Europe and placing Commonwealth trade in even greater jeopardy.

Macaulay observed: "The nation that calls in the aid of an ally stronger than itself perishes by the assistance it receives."

But how few people there are who observe the gathering forces that menace our pride and sovereignty all over the world.

In blinkers

The entire "Establishment," one-half of the Tory Party and both Opposition Parties, seems absolutely blind to this danger. They are convinced that the juggernaut which is rolling down upon us comes from the East and not from the West.

They are absolutely content to go on in blinkers, their eyes shielded from the areas of Britain's traditional greatness and opportunity, their gaze riveted on that wretched city in Central Europe and what lies beyond.

Perhaps little Katanga will wrench the mask from off our faces. Perhaps the 1,000lb. bombs we nearly despatched will suddenly prove more real than the 50-megaton firework with which the Russians are diverting themselves.

But wake up to its senseless and numbing foreign policy we must if we are to write any chapters at all in the history of the second half of this century.

The United Nations, while it receives the unconditional support of our great cousin across the Atlantic, is fast becoming Britain's principal enemy. We may have to mobilise support from wherever we can to defeat it, if we and our Commonwealth are to survive.

—(London Express Service).

Dame Edith Sitwell... memories are never sold

By SALLY VINCENT

IT seemed curiously sad to me that Dame Edith Sitwell, a person so utterly decorative and enamoured of decoration, should have exchanged items of her remarkable possessions for a sum nearing £17,000 at a Sotheby's sale.

And sadder still that the loss of these things (paintings by her friend, the Russian artist Pavel Tchelitchew, and a collection of her own handwritten notebooks and manuscripts) might mean that she has relinquished some of the fabric of her memories.

However, it would seem absurdly arrogant to feel anything on behalf of the brilliant, magnificent, and unpredictable Dame Edith.

For the other day she arranged a party for her friends to celebrate the gathering-in of the hard cash.

And when she spoke from her Hampstead home, it was immediately apparent that her memories are intact.

COLOUR

It is 33 years since she met the painter Tchelitchew, and four years since his death; but she remembers immaculately.

As she remembers, her words are somehow reminiscent of all that is young in art—deliberately formless, but full of colour and life.

She darts about in her mind, but this is not rambling, for every word is spectacularly evocative and not one is wasted.

She laughed with delight when she recalled Tchelitchew's "terrible temperament," claiming that her own was very similar. To illustrate her own before her friends, she grandly boasted of the time she slapped Mrs. Patrick Campbell's face.

'WRATH'

"I was four years old," she said, "and I rose in my personator in my wrath to strike her, because she called me 'baby'."

"So I understood him," she went on, "though I was often his victim. He used to shake me, crying, 'I am Russian, I do not risk battle with me.' And I would say: 'No, my dear boy, I never will.'"

Then she related the story of one glorious Saturday afternoon at the painter's London studio when he threatened to kill her and hurled canvases past her head.

The disturbance ended with a quiet tea party, when says Dame Edith, "Pavel had a spoonful of raspberry jam in his tea-cup."

"He quarrelled with all his friends," she said, "but he had enormous charm. He once told me that at parties the ladies would talk to him. And, while they thought he was listening to them, he was really listening to what went on inside his head."

And she remembers his face. "He was curiously beautiful," she said with great tenderness. "He had a noble face. A very tragic face. Though desperately emaciated, it was a pleasure to look at him."

This, perhaps, is why Dame Edith sent only one of his self-portraits to Sotheby's. The other she kept for herself.

She spoke, with pride, of her friend's genius as a painter, of his wit, his generosity, and his poverty. "He would give away his very food," she said, "and yet he was so very poor, he used to keep the paper on which he drew to use again."

She spoke too of their first meeting. "He circled round and round me, looking at me, as though I were a ghost, for I bore an extraordinary resemblance to a priest he knew."

TEARS

She was gay with the memory. But later, when she remembered the last time she saw him, she wept. "I cannot bear to speak of the last time," she said. "My dear friend is dead."

Perhaps, then, a few words of art were not such a great loss when compared with the stature of Dame Edith Sitwell's memory.

—(London Express Service).

ELECTION OUTCOME

THE final outcome of the election was decided only last week when Mr D. J. Killen, sitting Liberal member for the Queensland seat of Moreton held the seat by only 110 votes after the distribution of preferences.

This returns the Government to office and gives them a 62-60 majority in the House of Representatives. The result of the election has been in doubt for ten days.

Earlier, the Lord Mayor of Sydney Alderman Jensen conceded he had been beaten in the Bennelong seat by the Minister for Army, Mr Cramer. Mr Menzies lost eight seats in Queensland.

The Federal Treasurer, Mr Holt, said "he believed the people were not voting for a change of Government, but seeking to impress on the Government the desire for some change in present policies."

SHARKS

A young dental student, John Andrews, on holiday at Laguna Bay at Noosa Heads, Queensland, was attacked by a shark this week and his left leg was torn off above the knee and his left arm severely mangled.

At the time of the attack, 6.30 am, he was walking to the beach in less than two feet of water after riding a surfboard which he was pushing before him.

He frantically tried to beat off the shark at the waters edge, where it was so shallow that the shark's whole body was exposed. Two men ran to his assistance and pulled him clear and these were joined by life-savers. Doctors were quickly summoned and he was rushed to Brisbane Hospital where he is in a dangerous condition.

Later, lifesavers set bait on five lengths of chains attached to four gallon drums, and the shark was found dead on one of the lines about 200 yards from shore, with the student's left leg inside it.

AUSTRALIAN
NEWSLETTER
BY
EMH

And in South Australia a leaping shark landed across a 20ft boat off Eyre Peninsula. It landed only inches from a professional fisherman who was the only person on the boat. He had just caught a 5lb snapper when the shark leaped for it with jaws wide open. As it thrashed wildly, it knocked a box of snapper over the side and suddenly as the boat tilted, the shark splashed into the sea.

Sydney warning

Packs of killer sharks are lurking off Sydney's surfing beaches, according to professional fishermen.

They say there are more sharks off the coast now than for years.

They blame recent torrential rain for the shark threat because it has driven them from their haunts in estuaries.

Vice-president of the Sydney Gamefishers Club, Mr B. Davidson, said that on Sunday he and Bob Dyer had caught a 540lb. shark off Bondi.

Experts warn that the present is one of the worst times of the year for sharks.



The Sydney-Hobart yacht race took place as usual on Boxing Day, and the largest yacht in the race was Astor, a 73-foot schooner. Picture shows some of the activities at Rushcutters Bay where the yachts were prepared before the race.

Sydney has again had a mixed medley of weather, ranging from 90 degrees to as low as 68 degrees, with some severe thunderstorms, and during one storm, 96 points of rain fell in the city in 20 minutes.

A fireball damaged overhead wires in one suburb, and many homes were blacked out all night as County Council staff were unable to cope with the thousands affected.

Eastern suburbs had very heavy storms, and in Bondi the masonic hall was damaged as lightning struck the suburb.

FISH MYSTERY

Local fishermen have been mystified as millions of fish have swum, heads out of the water, and dropped on to North Coast beaches. The main area is Evans Head, 512 miles from Sydney, where at one point, a trawler dragging for prawns, hauled up about 240 lb of dead fish in two shots.

Some aspects of the mystery are that at Evans Head there is a strange smell which cannot be tracked down, and that most of the thirty women working on the prawn catches have severe headaches.

The dead fish include snapper up to 20 lb, 10 to 20 lb Jewfish and surface fish including yellow-tail and mackerel.

But a marine biologist of the State Fisheries said the most probable explanation was the "red tide", a build-up of enormous numbers of poisonous plankton.

This is the minute floating animal and vegetable organisms in water which are the fish's main source of food. The floating mass consumes all the oxygen in the water and forces the fish to come to the surface. The "red tide" is very rare in Australia and there have been only two recorded instances of it before.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Apparently, darling, we've got it all wrong. This Rajagopalan fellow has been explaining to me that he's not very 'non-violent'."

—(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

JILL BUTTERFIELD: a girl in NEW YORK

FACING UP TO THIS FACT: THE BIGGEST SINGLE INDUSTRY IN AMERICA TODAY IS WOMAN



AT THE TEMPLE OF BEAUTY

Any woman can be Cleopatra—for £50 a day

THE only snag about discovering New York is that one isn't Columbus. For this is a town where the well-worn clichés are the truth. It IS huge. It DOES glitter. The steaks lap juicily over your plate, the Martinis flow like Niagara, there is a new word born every minute and buildings and salaries and tranquilliser sales are higher than anywhere else in the world.

Everything you've read about it in the glossies, goggled at in Cinemascope, memorised from those long-playing records is everyday fact. Everything, that is, except the myth that this is a woman's world.

It is not. It is a girl's paradise. From the moment you step into the air-conditioned, centrally heated, cop-on-every-corner atmosphere of the Manhattan jungle, whether your passport states that you are six or sixty, you're a girl. IF you can't look less than 30 you're a fool.

IF you admit to 30 you're certainly not American. IN New York City even the language of love is baby talk. And the biggest, brashest, boomingest beauty industry in the world prostrates itself before this youth cult. Teenage girls alone spend 300 million dollars a year (that's £107 million) on cosmetics.

Older "girls" get through 2,000 million dollars on war-paint. Eighty-two per cent of them regularly wear expensive perfume, and 5,000 million green-backed dollars crackle into the beauty tills every year.

Not for nothing did the American beauticians pledge "to serve the women of the world with the realisation that to them beauty exceeds in importance even health."

And to the youth cult a modern million-dollar temple has just been dedicated. Glass-fronted, glittering, it arrogantly holds its own among all the success and chi-chi of Fifth Avenue, epitomising the importance of the 140,000 salons which have mushroomed up over the country in the last decade.

From the minute you step into the elevator (velvet-padded walls, shining chandeliers, a sofa "for our easily tired clients") at Revlon's plushy palace, to the time you down a one-for-the-road drink, sweet music trickles into your ears and hard cash pours from your pocket.

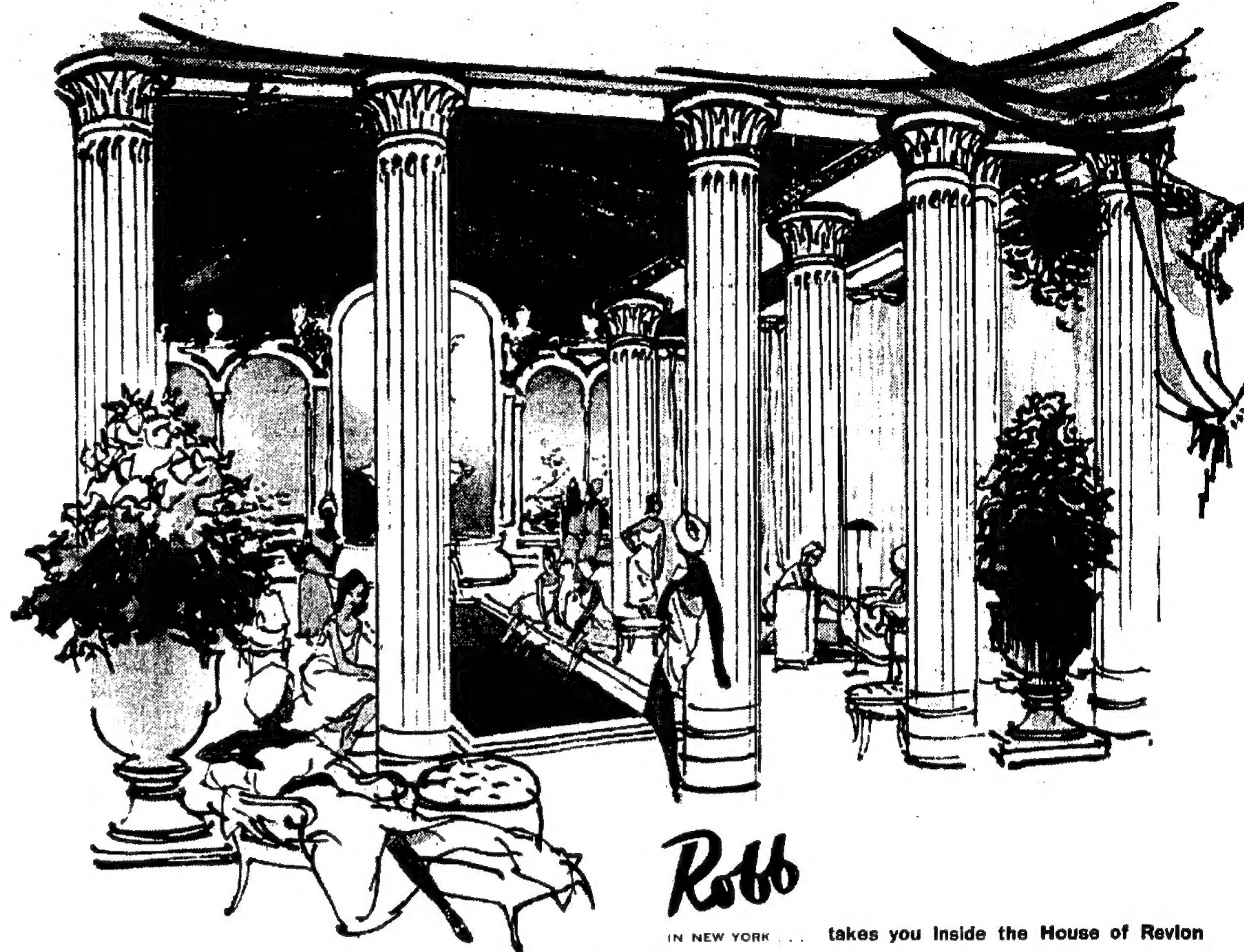
ON the practical side trained beauticians rather than you

through sunken baths, foam baths, wax baths, sun baths. Hairdressers cope with lash and brow dyeing; with turning every girl into a blonde (for that's one sphere uninflected by the First Lady. Brunettes are as rare as bird song here).

A pedicure by a lily-filled pool takes an hour. A body massage in twilight cubicles takes another. The hours tick by—the dollars melt.

But it's the pampering side of this salon which to me puts the American beauty business in its right perspective. Not a dollar has been wasted—the Wall-street broker and the Madison Avenue Ad-man behind all the glitter make sure of that—but after an afternoon of the pampering 60 feels 20, 20 feels fabulous, and both have been brainwashed into satisfaction.

Nothing is spared to help them feel good—coloured foun-



Robb

IN NEW YORK takes you inside the House of Revlon

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Chasing A Rainbow

—Knarf Gets His Hands On Pot Of Gold—

By MAX TRELL

KNAUF, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, came into the room and sat down next to his friends Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, both of whom were sitting around a make-believe campfire.

Hiawatha had a blanket over his head and shoulders.

"Where was he?" asked Knarf. "He's been looking for you. Haven't we, Hiawatha?"

From somewhere inside the blanket came a grunt. "Hiawatha says Yes. He's been looking for you, too," Teddy explained.

Knarf made himself comfortable by the campfire. He rubbed his hands together pretending he was getting them warm. Finally he said:

"I was hunting for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

"Doesn't know much," Knarf asked Teddy in surprise. "What were you hunting for at the end of the rainbow?"

"Don't you know anything?" Knarf asked Teddy. "Not much," said Teddy. "You're a very stupid Bear," said Knarf.

"I guess I am," said Teddy. "But what's at the end of the rainbow that you were hunting for?"

"At the end of the rainbow," said Knarf, "is a big pot full of gold. It hangs there on a hook. All you have to do is get to the end of the rainbow and you can take all the gold you want."

"Gosh!" said Teddy. "Is that what you did?"

"Well," answered Knarf, "I almost did. I mean, I got to the end of the rainbow all right."

Here Hiawatha stuck his head out of the blanket and gave several loud grunts. "He wants you to start at the beginning," Teddy said.

"All right," said Knarf. Teddy got ready to listen very carefully. Hiawatha pulled his head back under the blanket. He probably got ready to listen, too, except that he might have gone to sleep. It was hard to tell what he was doing under the blanket.

"I was in the other room," Knarf began. "All of a sudden it started to rain. I looked out of the window. It was pouring."



"Don't you know anything?" Knarf asked Teddy.

Then, all of a sudden, in the middle of the rain, the sun began shining. I saw a rainbow. It came right into the room. "Into the room!" gasped Teddy.

"Right into the room," repeated Knarf. "The end of it was behind the bookcase," exclaimed Teddy. "Did you squeeze behind the bookcase after it?"

"Of course I did," said Knarf. "But when I got there, it was some place else. I chased it around the table and behind the chairs and under the carpet. And finally it slid behind the bookcase again. So I squeezed in after it again."

Caught it

"And this time I caught it," Knarf said. "You did!" cried Teddy. "And there was the pot of gold," said Knarf. "It was hanging on a hook just as it was supposed to do. I looked into the pot. It was full of gold."

"Then why didn't you take it?" asked Teddy. "I stuck my hands in the pot," said Knarf. "I lifted out a whole handful. And do you know what happened?—All the gold went flying away. Some of it fell on the carpet. Some of it fell on the walls. Some of it fell on the plants standing next to the window."

Not real gold

"It wasn't real gold, at all. Do you know what it was?" Before Teddy could answer, Hiawatha stuck his head out from under the blanket. He grunted.

"He said it was sunshine," Teddy told Knarf.

"Yes, that's what it was," Knarf said. "That's the kind of gold that's in the pot at the end of the rainbow."

LADY LUCK- YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

AQUARIUS (11) (January 21-February 19): Give a new idea enough time to sink in before discussing it with too many people.

PISCES (10) (February 20-March 20): A spare time interest, sufficiently developed, could become a source of additional revenue.

ARIES (1) (March 21-April 19): Avoid overtaxing your capacity for work by delegating some minor tasks to others.

TAURUS (4) (April 20-May 20): You should not be intimidated by a strict examiner if you are confident of your ability to pass a test.

GEMINI (3) (May 21-June 21): Overcome your natural distaste for illness and visit a friend who was forced to spend Christmas in bed.

CANCER (6) (June 22-July 21): After an unusually pleasant holiday break you should be relaxed and ready to start the year's work.

LEO (9) (July 22-August 21): When contemplating a drastic change, don't fail to consider your partner's wishes.

VIRGO (8) (August 22-September 22): Don't worry unduly about possible changes at work on the sole basis of unfounded rumours.

LIBRA (5) (September 23-October 23): A friend's demands on your time and attention should take second place to your own urgent needs.

SCORPIO (2) (October 24-November 21): Try to clear up your work in the next few

days and start the new year free of unfinished business.

SAGITTARIUS (7) (November 22-December 21): Avoid antagonising a person whose help you may need, even if you don't always see eye to eye.

CAPRICORN (12) (December 22-January 20): Try to catch up on your neglected correspondence, and resolve to answer letters more promptly next year.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER: Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for today.

Rupert and the Popweed—48



The Merboy leads a bewildered Rupert away from the Deputy's room. "You're lucky," he smiles. "The Judge Octopus was in a good mood. You might have been very severely punished for no land creature has ever done what you did. It is not likely that you will ever find any of our disaster

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JACOBY on BRIDGE

NORTH'S five spade bid is rather unusual, but so is his hand. I am not going to criticise the bid one way or the other because there is no scientific way to bid such freak hands. Furthermore, North and I have a partner's bid gave me quite a problem.

I had a mighty good hand. So good that I would have made some sort of slam try if my partner had only jumped to three spades. It was also apparent to me that my partner held something along the order of his actual hand, and that even a six spade bid would

go down one. I had my partner had a doubleton club and that suit were opened.

Against that I noted that there was no law that my partner had to be void of hearts—maybe hearts was his doubleton.

That left two things going for me. He could have that void and, if he didn't, the club might not be opened.

As long as I was going to gamble I went the whole hog and bid seven. West opened the queen of hearts and that was all, except that the bidding went the same way at the other table and our West made the same lead.

♦♦♦CARD Sense♦♦♦

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 3♦ Pass
4♦ Pass 7

You, South, hold:
♠KQ1087 ♣K54 ♦A632 ♣K1087 ♣K54 ♦A632

What do you do?
A—Bid four no-trump. If partner shows two aces you will bid six diamonds.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner bids 4♥ spades to show three aces. Now what do you do?

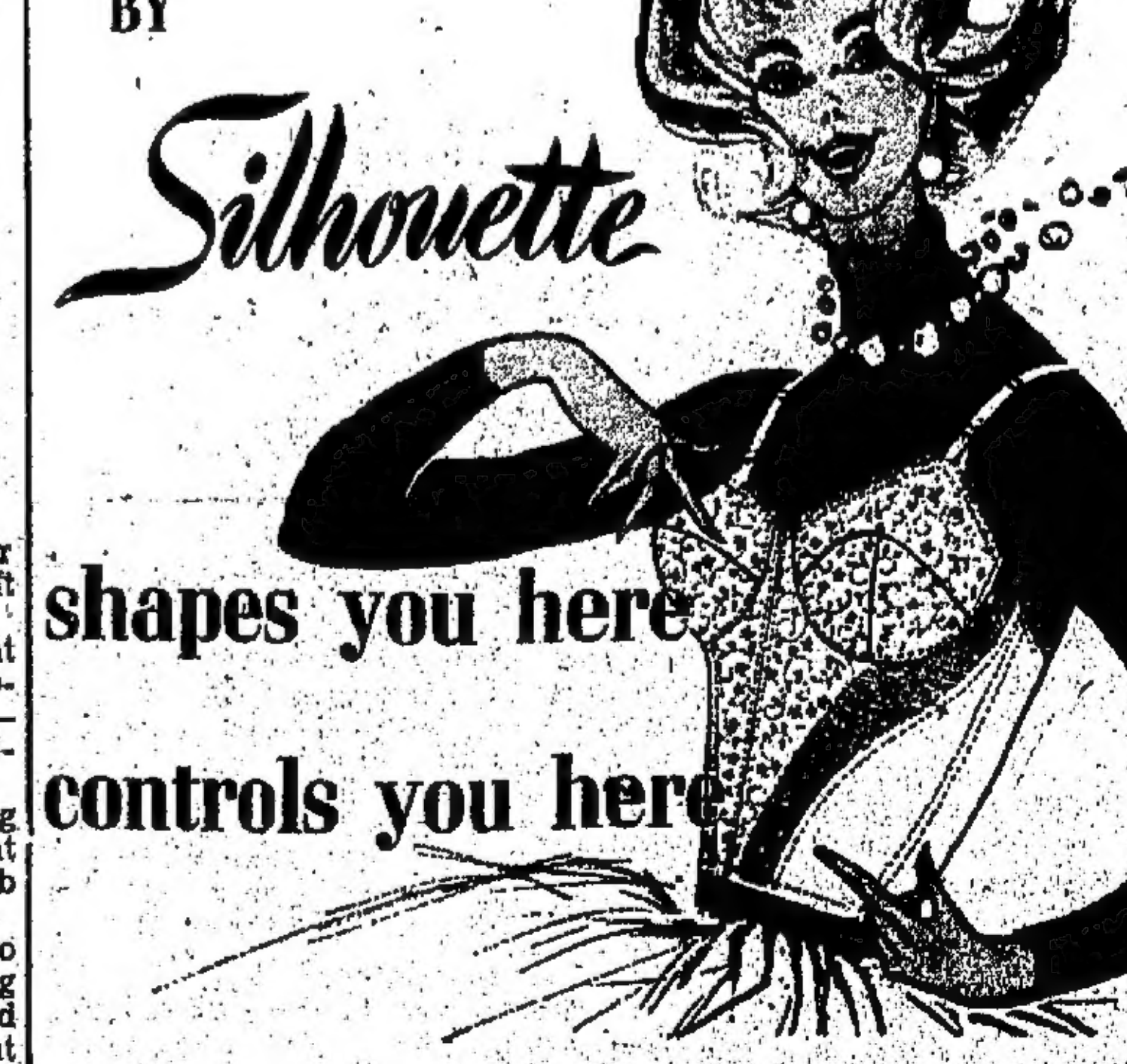
Answer Tomorrow

NORTH (D)			
♠	♥	♦	♣
AKQ84	None	AKJ873	84
WEST			
♠	♥	♦	♣
QJ107	65	985432	AK8
654	Q2	102	Q65
AK9732	AKJ10		
EAST			
♠	♥	♦	♣
KJ1032	AK8	102	Q65
AK8	102	Q65	
SOUTH			
♠	♥	♦	♣
KJ1032	AK8	102	Q65
AK8	102	Q65	
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♥Q			

LONG LINE 'U'

THE NEW BRA BY Silhouette

shapes you here controls you here



WAFER THIN PRE-SHAPING The bra shapes the bust instead of the bust shaping the bra.

CUPS KEEP THEIR SHAPE Embroidered Br-Nylon taffeta cups keep their "just-bought" look, even after countless washings and wearings.

SMOOTH FLAT DIAPHRAGM Deep diaphragm-velvet smooths away unwanted lumps, giving a slim, long line right to your waist.

FITS SNUGLY AT SIDES Elastic net panels wrap from the diaphragm round the bust to top of legs, preventing bulges or gaping at side of bust and giving complete freedom of movement.

NEW COMFORT ACROSS THE SHOULDERS Tubular Br-Nylon shoulder straps, filled with soft nylon, can't cut or curl. Fully adjustable, no loose ends to peep out.

FREEDOM AT THE BACK Generous elastic net fabric at the back ensures perfect fit. Double hook and eye adjustment backed with Br-Nylon. Feels wonderfully soft, stays flat.

LONG LINE 'U' Made in sizes from 32" A cup to 38" B cup. Long Line 'U' is also available without pre-shaping but with "extra" 10" length on the underbust, for the "long" shape. Size 32A-38B cup.

Storm of criticism against MCC

ACCUSED OF BAD BEHAVIOUR IN SERVICES MATCH

Calcutta, Dec. 27.

MCC ran into a storm of criticism from Indian players and officials for a display of petulance while fielding on the second day of their match against a Services XI here today.

MCC were accused of bad behaviour in the field during the morning session when the bowlers were being freely hit by the Services batsmen. Though the Services were forced to follow on and lost 14 wickets during the day, two sixes and 36 fours were hit off the MCC attack.

One senior Indian official said at the lunch interval: "I never expected to see an English team playing like this. One of the Services players complained about bad language, but he has been persuaded not to make an official complaint."

"I want to say that no player on the MCC side behaved in any way badly. If a swear-word was used, I did not hear it," he said.

Dexter added: "As captain, I was displeased with the

"Regarding my stopping in the middle of my run-up and then continuing from where I stood, I have done this before. I told the batsman: 'All right, I will bowl from here.' The batsman looked around the field, I bowled and he was out."

Of the incident following the unsuccessful appeal for lbw, Dexter said Bob Barber went over to the umpire to ask him whether he realised that the batsman was still out, caught in the gully, if he had in fact touched the ball with the bat.

Impromptu soccer

The MCC players had previously been criticised in the Indian press for playing an impromptu soccer match while waiting for the umpires to make a decision regarding play on the last day of the third Test at New Delhi.

But Mr Tom Pearce, the MCC team manager, said today that the Indian Cricket Board had made no complaint. In fact, Indian officials have said that they welcomed the attempt to keep the spectators entertained and thought the MCC players should have been praised instead of criticised.

The kick-about by the MCC players was held in a part of the outfield and the crowd of about 5,000 appeared to enjoy the exhibition.

Yet, an Indian writer described the exhibition as "the greatest profanity a Test arena has been subjected to by an England team," and a "revolting exhibition of bad taste by England's cricketers who pride themselves on being the world's style-setters for correct behaviour."—China Mail Special.

INDONESIA REAFFIRMS ABILITY TO STAGE ASIAN GAMES ON TIME

Djakarta, Dec. 28. Indonesia has stated again that it will hold next year's Asian Games on time.

Several Asian sports leaders have been reported here as saying recently that Djakarta would not be prepared for the Games next August.

A statement issued by the Organising Committee yesterday said the Games Construction Committee "resolutely reaffirmed its capability" to have everything ready on the statement said the Com-

mittee had been working full speed without any reduction in building standards, and what would normally have taken six years to build, would be ready in three.

The covered Sports Hall had been opened on May 20 this year, the Swimming Pool on December 5, the Tennis and Hockey Stadium on December 13, the Athletics Village was "90 per cent completed," and the Guest House for officials 70 per cent.

The Main Stadium (a 100,000 capacity structure damaged by fire earlier this year) should be ready in July.

A failure with regard to the Main Stadium will also mean a failure with regard to the holding of the coming Asian Games," the statement said. "Nevertheless this stadium should be accomplished, and the Indonesian people have confidence that this national task can be carried out as soon as possible."—Reuter.

Another creditable Rugby win for Warwicks

By LANCASTRIAN

The Warwicks continued their winning way yesterday when they beat the Police Casuals by a goal and a try to nil at Boundary-street.

Both sides came in the last ten minutes.

The winners were a bit weaker than usual due to injuries, but the Casuals were not all that casual and in fact it was a pretty full Police side. Both these factors make this a creditable victory for the Warwicks, victory in a game that rose far above what might be expected on the day after Boxing Day.

Services XV

The other match never really got out of that slough. At the next-to-last minute 54 Field Squadron RE took over the fixture from Whitfield Wanderers, and they found the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers too much for them, losing by two goals to one try.

The Combined Services XV for the match against RAF Singapore at the Police ground on Saturday has been selected and is given below.

A number of sailors from the Vampire have been chosen; apparently Vampire is a Singapore ship which allows Lunney to be a member of the touring party when they play as Combined Services, Singapore, but it is to be considered Hong-kong-based for this match.

It is idle, as the military would say, to comment much on the composition of a side when the strength of the

Boxer still unconscious 11 days after fight

Manila, Dec. 27.

An 18-year-old Filipino bantamweight boxer Elnio Esquerro, remained unconscious today 11 days after he collapsed in a title-fight here.

The fight was a preliminary to the bout in which Flash Elorde of the Philippines successfully defended his Junior lightweight title against Sergio Capriani of Italy.

Doctors operated on Esquerro four hours after he collapsed in the ring while fighting another Filipino, Demmy Balajadia. A blood clot was removed from his brain.

A second operation failed to revive Esquerro. But the doctors are hopeful that a third operation will be successful.—Reuter.

South Africa knock up 322 in Test against N. Zealand

Johannesburg, Dec. 27.

A polished 101 by wicketkeeper John Waite — his fourth in Test cricket — helped South Africa to a first innings total of 322 in the second unofficial Test against New Zealand here today.

New Zealand replied with 27 for one by the close on the second day. There are two days left for play.

After resuming at 80 for one, South Africa lost three wickets for 22 before Waite and former Scottish Rugby Union international Kim Elgie pulled the innings together again.

Helped
Waite's day of 205 minutes was punctuated by 18 fours, and Elgie scored his first half-century in Test cricket, making 58.

World Cup draw on Jan. 17
Santiago, Dec. 27. The draw for the 1962 World Cup Soccer Tournament in Chile will be held on Jan. 17, the Ministry of Interior announced today.

The draw will be supervised by FIFA officials. The 16 nations entered in the tournament will be divided into four groups for the first round of play.

Representing Europe will be West Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, Russia, England, Italy, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

The other six teams, from Latin America, are Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Uruguay and Mexico.

The leading money winner in Britain this year was British Ryder Cup player Bernard Hunt (Hartlepool), who earned over £4,000.—Reuter.

Joe Brown named Boxer of Year

New York, Dec. 27.

The American boxing journal, Ring Magazine, has chosen veteran world lightweight champion, Joe Brown as the 1961 Boxer of the Year.

Closely following Brown is Gene Fullmer, the popular world middleweight champion.

During 1961, Brown successfully defended his title twice, firstly against Britain's Dave Charney, and then against Bert Somodolo of the Philippines. Both bouts went the full 15 rounds.

Third-rated fighter is world featherweight champion Davey Moore. He was the busiest of the big boys in the light game, clambering into the ring nine times to successfully defend his title.

The best fight of the year was adjudged to be that between Joe Brown and Dave Charney in London on April 18.

The best round was fought by Sweden's Ingemar Johansson and world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson—the one selected was the first round of the third fight between the two men.

During this period the Swede sent the Negro down to the canvas and Patterson got up to floor Johansson twice.

Other ratings for the world's best boxer were: 4—Floyd Patterson, 5—Eder Jofre, world bantamweight champion, 6—Harold Johnson, world light heavyweight champion.—APF.



JOE BROWN

UK soccer result

London, Dec. 27.

Stirling Albion beat Airdrieonians by one goal to nil in a Scottish First Division soccer match at Airdrie tonight. The match was postponed last Saturday.

The first round Scottish FA Cup match between Hibernian and Partick Thistle was postponed because of frost.—Reuter & APF.

Only eight ring fatalities in 1961

New York, Dec. 27.

Eight boxers — five professionals and three amateurs — died of ring injuries around the world in 1961, according to a survey by Ring Magazine. It was the lowest number of ring deaths since 1958 when eight boxers also died.

The low mark since Ring started keeping figures in 1945 was six in 1945 and in 1954.

Of the eight deaths in 1961, four occurred in the United States. Ring said in a copy-righted article today. There were two in the amateur ranks, and two among the professionals, the same toll as for 1960.

There were single professional fatalities in Venezuela, Mexico and Australia, and one amateur death in Italy in 1961.

The 1961 fatalities were: In the U.S.—amateur Sherman Walker, Stewartsville, Ohio, and amateur Cokie Ronan, Puerto Rico. Professionals Harry Campbell, Detroit, and Jose Rigores, Cuban living in New York.

Other countries—Orde Matteucci, Italian amateur, and professional Miguel Angel Fernandez, Venezuela; George Kraal, Australia, and Lili Mata, Mexico.—APF.

Bikila one of favourites to win Sao Silvestre Race

Sao Paulo, Dec. 27.

Franco Antonelli, of Italy, Abhele Bikila of Ethiopia, and Osvaldo Suarez of Argentina are the favourites in the 7,400 metres Sao Silvestre Race to be run in the streets of this big industrial city on New Year's Eve.

Nineteen countries will be represented in the race sponsored by the newspaper A Gazeta Desportiva.

Bikila, marathon winner in the 1960 Olympics at Rome, hasn't decided yet whether he'll wear shoes in the Sao Paulo race. He ran barefoot in winning the Rome Marathon.

"Bikila will decide whether or not to wear shoes after he gets better acquainted with the course," said his trainer, Oudi Nyskanen.

Antonelli made a great impression on sports writers after a training run yesterday. Suarez, who has won the race three times, is expected on Friday from Buenos Aires.—APF.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB 6TH RACE MEETING

Monday 1st January, 1962 and Saturday 6th January, 1962

(To be held under the Rules of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club) THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES (There will be 10 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day)

The First Race will be rung at 11.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and the First Race will be rung at 12.00 Noon. The Lunch interval will be after Race No. 4 (1.30 p.m.)

On the 2nd Day the First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be rung at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission badges at \$25.00 each per day are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square), 5, D'Aguiar Street, King's Road, North Point, and 382 Nathan Road. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Admission to the Members' Enclosure can be gained only by the entrance to the Members' Stand and upon production of Badges and Brooches, which must be worn throughout the duration of the meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Members wishing to proceed to Club Boxes on the 4th and 5th Floors of the Public Stand must do so from the 2nd Floor of the Members' Stand, using the lift or stairs.

Apart from the foregoing, Members, their Ladies, and Members' Guests are not permitted to enter the Public Enclosure and Stand.

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting.

Lunches will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 76-2811).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The gates will open at 9.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.30 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

The price of admission will be \$10.00 each per day payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the Meeting. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission with the exception that on the 1st Day any person who wishes to leave the Enclosure for lunch and obtain re-admission, must leave and return between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m., when they will be re-admitted on production of their Public Stand badge for that day.

Meals and Refreshments will be available in the Restaurants.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each for the 1st Day, \$18.00 each for the 2nd Day and \$38.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square), 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday 28th December, 1961, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 10th March, 1962, at \$2.00 each and Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race of this Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office of the Club.

By Order of the Stewards.

F. D. ANGUS, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 28th December, 1961.

Sheffield Shield win for Queensland

Adelaide, Dec. 27.

Test player Ken Mackay followed up his first innings of 97 with 128 not out and helped Queensland to a Sheffield Shield win over South Australia by 115 runs today.

Queensland declared at 329 for seven and South Australia, needing 342 runs for victory, collapsed for 226 despite a magnificent innings of 180 by opener John Lill.

South Australia were in with a chance when Lill and West Indies all-rounder Garfield Sobers put on 101 for the first wicket, but the batting folded with the dismissal of Sobers for 47. Lill was ninth out, having batted 202 minutes for his 130 which included 15 fours.

Tom Vivers took five for 63. David Sincroff, a left-arm spin bowler, took six for 137 in Queensland's second innings for match figures of 12 for 246.

Final scores were: Queensland 325 and 326 for seven declared (K. Mackay 128 not out, D. Sincroff six for 137); South Australia 113 and 226 (J. Lill 130, G. Sobers 47, T. Vivers five for 63).—Reuter.

Champions NSW in strong position

Melbourne, Dec. 27.

Battling in a scorching 100 degrees heat, Test player Bobby Simpson scored 110 not out for New South Wales, the Sheffield Shield holders, against Victoria here today.

Simpson's innings, which lasted 3 1/2 hours and included 12 fours, helped New South Wales to a second innings total of 234 for five declared. Victoria, needing 416 to avoid defeat, were 111 for four at the close. They face a hard task to save the game on the final day tomorrow.

Left-hander Bill Lawry, Test opener and Victoria's captain, battled to hold his side together with 87 not out in 122 minutes. He has hit six fours.

Final scores were: New South Wales 234 for five declared and 234 for five declared; Victoria 230 and 111 for four.—China Mail Special.



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BURMA RAISES TARIFFS ON HK GOODS

The Burmese Government has announced tariff increases over a wide range of commodities.

The affected items that are of interest to Hongkong include cotton fabrics, clothing, flashlights, flour, paints and varnishes, household utensils, toothpaste and furniture. The new rates, effective since September 15, 1961, show increases ranging from 15 to 100 per cent ad valorem, states the Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. H. A. Angus.

THREE BOYS WHO KEPT BICYCLES DISCHARGED

Three school boys who kept bicycles they hired on Boxing Day, were given absolute discharges by Mr. J. E. Dargan at North Kowloon Juvenile Court this morning.

The youths aged 10, 12 and 13 had admitted charges of larceny by bailment. Police said that the boys went to a bicycle shop in the Kowloon Tong settlement area and hired the bicycles for an hour at 40 cents each.

When they failed to return the bicycles six hours later, a report was made to the police. The same evening, police went to the resettlement area and found the bicycles painted black instead of the original white colour—and later arrested the three in different addresses from what they had given the bicycle shop.

The boys had clear records.

Five hurt in mishaps yesterday

Five people were injured in four traffic accidents that occurred in the first 32 hours after the Christmas holidays in the Colony.

Shortly after 9 am yesterday, a woman and a two-year-old girl she was carrying were injured when they were knocked down by a private car in Tai Po road near Tai Wai, Sha Tin.

The woman suffered slight injuries but the two-year-old girl, Lok Man-lau, of 19 Pak Tin Village, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

At about 5.30 pm yesterday, a 15-year-old boy was knocked down by a private car in Tong Mei road near Arran street, Kowloon.

The boy, Leung Sui-kin, of 865 Portland street, ground floor, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

At 7.30 am yesterday, a three-year-old boy was knocked down by a private car outside 61 Lion Rock road.

The boy, Tang Siu-ho, of 3 Lion Rock road, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

At 1.30 am today, a 39-year-old man was injured when he was knocked down by a bus in Tai Po road near Shek Kip Mei street, Kowloon.

The injured man, Pan Way, 75 Tai Po road, eighth floor, has been admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

He helped two Chinese boys enter U.S.

An American of Polish ancestry told today how he had managed to help two young Chinese boys to emigrate to America eight years ago.

Mr. S. Charles Nowak, a lawyer from Detroit, Michigan, who arrived here aboard the s.s. President Wilson, said he had first met the two young Chinese brothers, Lee Man Poi and Lee Mah Se, in the Colony through an import-export agent, Mr. K. Y. Wong.



Charles Nowak

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Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Marr shown aboard the President Wilson shortly after arrival here today.

VERSATILE STAGE, SCREEN, TV ACTOR, WIFE HERE

One of the most versatile stage, screen, radio and TV actors in the business, is now in the Colony for a five-day visit with his wife in the course of an Orient tour.

He is Mr. Edward J. "Eddy" Marr, who has followed show business from the early Ziegfeld Follies in the 1920's, through radio, motion pictures and television.

He has been seen by local television viewers in many of the series which have run over the past year from the "Bob Cummings Show," "The Jack Benny Show," to "77 Sunset Strip."

With a family background practically set on stage (he is the son of James Marr, one of the original 13 founders of the famed Theatre Guild and a director for 14 years), Eddy Marr is noted most for his amazing versatility.

Beginning at a tender age, he became a great dancer and was the dancing juvenile in "Irene" with Jeanette MacDonald and Irene Dunne.

From the stage he moved into radio in the late 20's where he stayed until the war broke out and in between his many other jobs he entertained troops all over the world.

After the war there was plenty of scope for him in the new medium of television and he soon got into stride with it. With some 85 feature-length films behind him, it was no problem and work was long and hard.

In 1957 he was able to take his first full vacation, and found that ocean travel agreed with him so much so that he encouraged many of his friends to travel—and in doing so became vice-president of a Los Angeles travel agency.

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To give written judgment in fan tan case

Judge B. J. Jennings will give a written judgment in Victoria District Court on January 13 on three men charged with conspiring to cheat and defraud two elderly overseas Chinese of more than \$35,000 in a game of fan tan.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty, are Li Muk-fat, 54, alias Li Pak-hing; Kung Tui-wan, 31, alias Kung Hon-ling; and Kung Hon-thuen, 29.

After the Crown case ended yesterday, Judge Jennings ruled that the three men had a case to answer. This morning, counsel for the accused sought their acquittal, claiming that there was not sufficient evidence to convict them.

Defence pleas

Mr. A. Zimmerman (appearing for Li on the instructions of Mr. Peter Mo) said there was "nothing like evidence" against Li which could possibly support the charge of conspiring to cheat and defraud.

Mr. Lawrence Leong (for the other two accused, on the instructions of Mr. T. S. Tong), claimed the evidence against Kung Tui-wan and Kung Hon-thuen was that of accomplices, and there was no evidence at all against Kung Hon-thuen.

Judge Jennings said he would reserve his judgment until January 13. The men were remanded on bail.

Mr. P. F. X. Leonard, Crown Counsel, prosecuted.

Mrs Scott makes her Christmas cruise here

Mrs. Ruth Scott, a seasoned traveller from San Diego, California, is now on her ninth Christmas cruise to the Orient. Mrs. Scott has travelled throughout the Orient since the days of the Dollar Line when she and her husband were close friends with Captain Robert Dollar.

The Scotts came to love the Orient and Mr. Scott set up Sugar Cane in Cebu. This was the second such operation, Mr. Scott having already built a refinery in Hawaii.

When Mr. Scott died in 1939, Mrs. Scott returned to San Diego and since then has made regular pilgrimages to the Orient and the Philippines.

Open air concert

The band of the First Royal Northumberland Fusiliers will give an open air concert at the Botanic Gardens on Sunday from 3 pm to 5 pm provided the weather is favourable. Free seats will be provided.

Other judges of the competitions will also be present. Members of the public are welcome.

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Interviewed, President Quezon said he was going to Washington to confer with President Roosevelt in connection with trade relations between the United States and the Philippines. He would leave by the Empress of Canada which sails at noon today.

Martial law has been declared in Chao Cheng village, Shanai, not because of a serious political or military situation, but because a leopard has suddenly made its appearance in the district. The animal has already eaten one candy basket, two pigs and a dog, while a gendarme on guard at the city gate very nearly suffered the same fate. Things have come to such a pass, in fact, that a curfew hour is being observed, according to one Chinese report.

A CHINESE constable in Shanghai is suffering from a bullet wound in the chest, while a robber has two wounds, one in the thigh and the other in the leg, as the result of a shooting affair at Yatsen road, recently.

The only shot fired came from the gun of the constable. Two bullets struck the robber, bringing him down but a third hit a wall and ricocheted in a direction toward the policeman. It struck him in the chest.

Both the constable and the robber were taken to the police hospital where it was found that their wounds were not serious.

Japanese leaving Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo, Dec. 27. Changing land policies are causing Japanese migrants to leave the Dominican Republic.

The Japanese Embassy estimated at least 50 out of 300 families who came here to 1955 under an agreement with the former Trujillo regime, have returned to Japan. A Japanese colony numbering about 1,400 persons is dedicated mostly to agriculture in interior areas.

An embassy spokesman said it was still not known how many families may decide to remain.

The Batista Government has started giving peasant families lands formerly part of a vast Trujillo complex.—AP.

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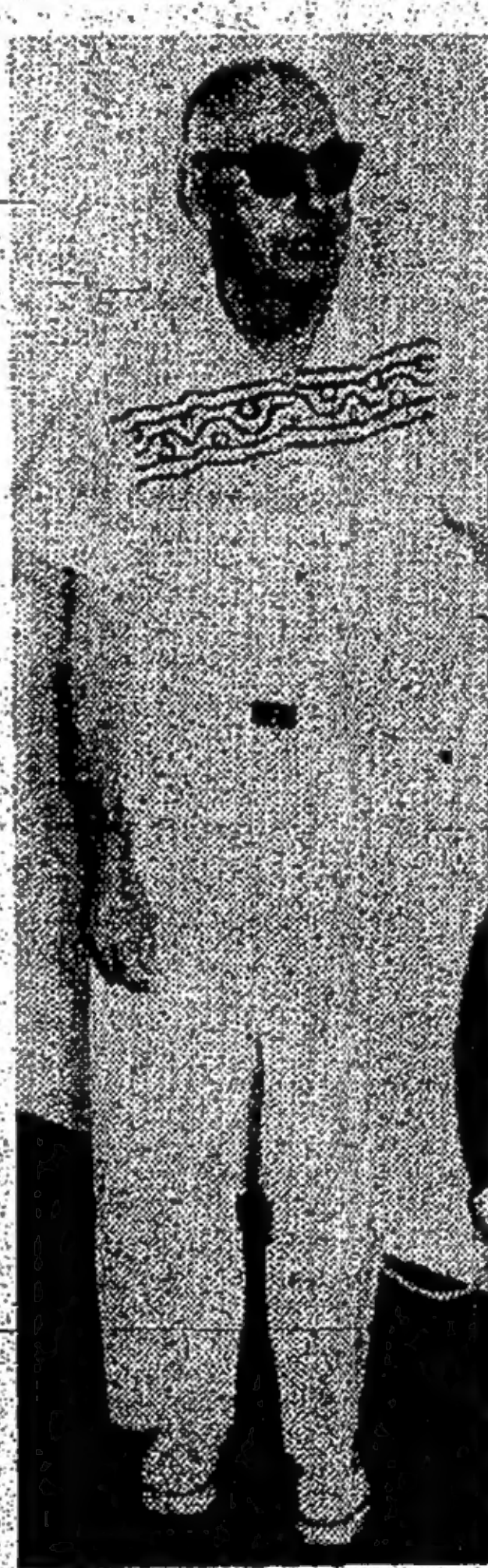
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Passenger arrivals from Mexico between January 1 and 31 will be accompanied by a special brandy. The brandy will be served in the dining room of the ship.



Harold Simpson

American comes to look for Oriental ideas

An American businessman has arrived in Hongkong to obtain Oriental ideas for restaurants in the United States. He is Mr. Harold F. Simpson, president of the Phoenix-Simpson Company of San Francisco, and he is making a business-pleasure cruise.

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Soldier faces damage, theft charges

Allen Lewis, 22, of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, Lovell Barracks, appeared before Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Magistrate's Court this morning on charges of simple larceny and malicious damage.

It is alleged that Lewis stole five photographs from a private collection and maliciously damaged a show window glass on or about November 25 at the entrance of the shop of the Johnston.